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@ Pastor

[g Congregation

# ORDEROF WORSHIP

#### Introduction

*Befare the sPrvice begins thi'church bells are rung three times,* the last time with nine 'prayer strokes', in Ihree groups of three on onf> betl.

* 1. ORGAN PRELUDE
  2. OPENTNC PRAYER

Let us pray:

**T** ord, I have come into this your house to hear

**L** what you would say tome, God the Father, my Creator,

you, LordJesus, my Saviour,

you, good Holy Spirit, in life and death *my* Comforter. Lord, open now *my* hean *by* your Holy Spirit,

for the sake ofjesus Christ,

so that I may learn /'rom your word to repent of my sins

and to bclieve in lik and death in Jesus,

and every day to grow in holy life and living. Ilear me and grant this,0 God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Or*

@ Let us pray:

**T** ord, I have come into your house to hear

**L** what you would say tome.

Open now my heart by your Holy Spirit,

so lhatfrom yourword I may learn to repenl ofmysins, believe in.Jesus Christ,

and every day be strengthened and kepl in this faith. Amen.

* 1. **OPENING HYMN**

*Ajler the hymn (or after the introductory greeting) the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy) and the Gloria (Glory to God in the highest) may be read/sung.*

* 1. **INTRODUCTORY GREETING**

@ The Lord be with you.

[g] And with your spirit. orAnd also with you.

* 1. TNTRODUCTORYCOLLECT

[EJ Let us pray:

*The pastor then reads or chants ane of the collects of the day.*

[g] Amen.

### Ministry of the word

1. READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT
2. HYMN
3. READING *from the New Testament, E/Jistle or Lesson*
4. THECREED

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\_ercnounce thedcvil and all his works and all his ways.

We believe in God, the Father almighly, Creator of hcaven and eanh.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceivcd by Lhe the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffercd under Po11lius Pi­ ia Le, was crucified, <lied, and was buried. He descen­ ded into heil. On the third day he rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right band of God, Lhe Fathcr almighLy, whence hc will come again to judge the living and Lhe dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy chrislian Church, the communion ofsaints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrcction of the body, and thc eter­ nal life.

*Or*

(we) believe in one God, the Father, Lhe AJmighty, maker of hcaven and earth, of all that is, seen

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and unseen.

Andinone Lord.Jesus Chrisl, the only Son ofGod, cternally begotten of the Fathcr, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being wilh the Father. Through him all things were made. For usand for our salva­ lion he came down from heaven; by the power of

Lhe Holy Spirit he becamc incarnatc of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was bu­ ricd. On thc third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. I-le will comc again in glory tojudge thc living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I (wc) believc in the 1-loly Spirit, the Lord, the giver oflife, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Fathcr and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I (wc) believe in one holy christian and apostolic

church. I (we) acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I (we) look for the resu rrection

of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

[g Amen.

10.1-IYMN

1. GOSPEL READING

@ This holy gospel is written by the evangelist ...

[g God be praised for his glad andjoyful mcssage.

*The go.\pel is then read by the pastor:*

1. SERMON

*The sennon ends with praise:*

P

raise and thanks and cternal glory be to you, ourGod,

Fathcr, Son and Holy Spirit,

who was and is and shall be God, three in one,

mosl highly praiscd from lhe beginning, now and forevermore. Amen.

*Or*

lory to the Fathcr, and lo the Son, and to lhe Holy Spirit;

G

as it was in lhe beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

l 3. PR.AVER OF THE CHURCH

*The /Jaslor may use his own words in lhe intercession or use Lhe* Jollowing prayer:

Lord God, comfort and strcngthcn all who are in sickness or sorrow, whcther they bc

O

near or far. Be present with, and help all who suffcr anguish, and stand by us all in the hour of templation. Bless and keep your holy universal Church and us within it.Blessand kcep your holy sacraments, and let your word work freely among us, so that your kingdom may spread and grow withjustice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, and thc light of grace mayshine on all who sit in darkness and thc shadow of death.

Prolect our people and our country and all its lawful authorities; bless and kccp our King (name), Quecn (name) and all the royal family. Granl to them and lo us grace, peace and blessing, and aftcr a christian lifc eternal joy.

*Ajier the intercession notices are read, followed by the grace:*

Let us greet one another with the apostles: The grace ofthe LordJesus Christ,

the love of God,

and thc fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of us. Amen.

1. J--IYMN

## Communion

###### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The communion begins with one af the threeJollowing euchari­ stic prayers:*

**Dear**

a)

@ friends in Christ. Our LordJesus himself said, 'I am the bread oflife. He who comes to

me shall not hunger; and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.' In his holy supper the crucified and risen Saviour gives us himself, so that whoever hungers and thirsts after righteousness will find there the food and drink for eternal life. Therefore, follow in obedient faith his invitation when he says, 'Take, eat, drink this, all ofyou; do this for the re­ membrance ofme'. Then youwill be united with him, so that on yourjourney upon earth you may ever remember him and at last be gathered to­ gether with him in his kingdorn. For this we now pray from our heans:

isen Lord and Saviour,

R

you who are present among us with all the richness ofyour love:

Grant that we receive your body and blood in remembrance ofyou,

and in confirmation of our faith in the forgiveness orsins.

Cleanse us from sin

and strengthen us in the hope of eternal lifc. Grant that wc grow in love,

so that we, with all the faithful, may be united in you,

as you are onc with the Father.

[fJ Amen.

*The Lord's prayer and the introductory wordsfollow.*

b)

@ T ift up your hearts to tbe Lord.

L Let us praisc bis name.

Holy, boly, holy is the Lord, God tbe Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come.

[fJ Hosanna in the highest.

[EJ Blesscd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

[fJ llosanna in the highest.

0 Lamb of God, Upon the cross

Ful! ransom for our sinning And our salvation winning, Your mercy show

To us below.

0 Lamb ofGod, Upon the cross

Ful! ransom for our sinning, Of peacc the true beginning, Give of your love

Peace from above.

0 Lamb ofGod, Upon Lhe cross

Ful! ransom for our sinning, Our life with you beginning, From dealh set free Eternally.

*(Translation by Edward R. Phillips, 1994)*

w isen Lord and Saviour,

R

you who are present among us,

with all the richness ofyour love.

Grant that we reccive your body and blood in remembrance ofyou,

and in confirmation of our faith in the forgiveness of sins.

Cleanse us from sin and strengthen us,

that yoL1 may dwell in OLlr hearts by faith. Make LIS firm in the hope of eternal life. Grant that we grow in love,

so that we, with all the faithf'Lll, may be united in you,

as you are one with the Fathcr.

[fJ Arnen.

*The Lord'sprayer and lhe introduclory wordsJollow. c)*

@ **T** ift up your hearts to the Lord.

**L** Let us praise his name.

We give thank and praise to you, God, Father Al­ mighty,

throL1ghJesus Christ, our Lord.

You created heaven and all its powers, the earth and all that is upon it.

YoLI give LIS lifc and breath

and satisfy us daily with yoL1r fullncss. Therefore, together with your chL1rch on earth and in heaven

and in tune with all angels,

we will sing praise to your glory:

[fJ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth arc full ofyoL1r glory. Hosanna in the highest.

[fJ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

[fJ Hosanna in the highest.

**Risen**

@ Lord and Saviour,

You who are present among LIS

with all Lhe richness ofyour love:

Gram Lhat we receive your body and blood in remembrance ofyou,

and in confirmation of our faith in the forgiveness of sins.

Cleanse LIS from sin and strengthen LIS

that you may dwell in our hearts by faith. Make LIS firm in the hope of cternal life. Grant that we grow in love,

so that we, with all the faithful, may be L1nited in you as you are one with the Father.

*Or*

raise be to you, holy God and Father,

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that you set us free from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom ofyoL1r beloved Son.

We remember with thanksgiving his bitter suffering and death,

his victorious resurrection and ascension, and we look for his coming in glory.

We pray you:

Send your Holy Spirit upon usand this holy meal.

Grant that we receive in faith

the body and blood of our Lord.Jesus Christ and so share in the fullness ofhis sacrifice

for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

Through his love may we grow in unity with all believers

and be gathered into your church

when it is perfected in your kingdom.

[g Amen.

1. THE LORD'S PRAYER

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J+[g ur Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us nol into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

1. PREPARATION

[EJ In lhe night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it

and gave it lo his disciples saying, 'Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remem­ brance ofme.'

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all lo drink, saying: 'Drink this all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness ofsins. Do this, as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of me.'

1. COMMUNION

*Ajler lhe prejxtration the communicants go up to the altar and kneel at the rail. The pastor gives the bread lo each communi­ canl with the words:*

The body ofjesus Christ.

*The pastor gives the wine to each rommunicant with Llie worcls:*

The blood ofjesus Christ.

0 he crucified and risen Saviour, our LordJesus Christ,

T

has now bestowed upon you (us) his holy body and blood

which he gave for the remission of all your (our) sins. May he strengthen and preserve you (us) in true faith unto etcrnal life.

Peace be with you.

## Dismissal

1. FINAL COLLECT

@ Let us pray:

*Ajler communion:*

W

e thank you, Lord our God, almighty Father, that in your mercy

you refresh us with your gracious gifts of life.

We pray

that your gifts may benefit us to strengthen our faith,

to confirm our hope,

and Lo give life to our love LOwards one anoLher, for the sake ofyour Son,Jesus ChrisL, our Lord.

*Alternatively theJollowing collfft may be used:*

W

e Lhank you, Lord our God, almi\_ghLy FaLher, LhaL you have strengthened us w1th your gra­

cious gifts oflife.

We pray

that you will fulfill what you have begun in us, strcngthen our faith,

confirm our hopc,

and give life to our love towarcls one another, through your Son,Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God for cver and cver.

*Afler ba/Jlism and cmmnunion the.following roller{ may be used:*

L

ord our God, heavenly Fathcr,

we thank you foryour infinitc mercy,

that through your clear Son, our LordJesus Christ, you have given us your word and your sacramcnts for our consolation,

that we may thcre find forgiveness f'or our sins.

We pray

that you give us your Holy Spirit,

so that wc may believc your word wiLh all our hearts, and Lhrough baptism and communion be streng­

Lhencd in faith

day by day until eternal life

through your Son,Jcsus ChrisL, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the uni ty of the Holy Spirit,

One true God, forever and ever. Amen.

1. BLESSING

[EJ The Lord be with you.

**The**

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[EJ

And with your spirit. *orAnd* also with you.

Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and

give you peace.

[g Amen. Amen. Amen.

1. CLOSING HYMN
2. CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**T** ord, I Lhank you wiLh all my heart

**L** that you have taught rne what you want me to do.

Help me now,0 God,

through your Holy Spirit for the sake ofjesus Christ,

that I may keep your word in a pure heart, and so be strengthened in faith,

improved in holy living,

and comfortecl in life and death. Amen.

*Or*

Let us pray:

T ord, I tl1ank you

L Lhat you have taught mc what you want me Lo do. Help me now,0 God,

to keep your word firmly in mind

and by it be strengthened and comfortcd in life and dcath. Amen.

1. ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Baptisrn**

*Baptisrn usually takes place in the church during a service. In case oj illness bajJtisrn can lake place at horne or in hospital.*

*Baptisrn during morning service rnay take the jJLace oj the creed, take jJlace ajler the firsl reading, after the hymn following the sermon, or afler the communion.*

*If there is a special baptism service it may be introduced by an organ jJrelude, an opening hymn ancl an adclress by the pastor befare the baptismal hyrnn.*

###### BAPTISMAL HYMN

*1-lt a baptisrn during rnorning service the bafJtisrnal hyrnn can be ane o.f the normal rnorning hyrnns.*

11] Has the child been baptized at home? - No.

*At the baptisrn oj adults the pastor asks:*

Have you been baptized befare? - No.

PlWSE AND PRAYER

11] **Blessed** betheGodandFather or our Lord Jesus Christ.

By his great mercy

he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection ofJesus Christ from the dead.

Let us pray:

W

e thank you, heavenly Father,

that through your only-begotten Son you have given us holy baptism

in which you make us your children

and give us the Holy Spirit, with thc forgiveness of sins and eternal lifc.

We prayyou,

receive into your gracc this child (these children) whom we bring before you.

Make him/hcr/them a member (mcmbers) ofyour church.

Keep him/her/thcm in your fellowship on earth and in heaven.

Amen.

*At the baptism of adults:*

We prayyou

to receive him/her graciously

who today comes to the christian baptism. Make him/hcr a mcmber ofyour church.

Keep him/hcr in your fellowship on earth and in heaven.

Amen.

READINGS

[EJ Our LordJesus Christ says,

;\ li authority in hcaven and on earth has becn

J-\...given tome. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of' the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and

teaching them to obey everything that I have com­ manded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end *o[* the age.

The evangelist Mark writes,

P

eople were bringing linie children toJesus in order that he might touch them; and the disci­

ples spoke stemly to them. But whenjesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do nol stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tel1 you, whoever does not receive the king­ dom of God as a little child will never en ter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

T et us therefore help this child (these children)

L to receive his blessing by baptizing him/her/them

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Al lhe baptism ofadults:*

So we will now help you to receive his blessing by baptizing you

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

*lf there are several children, each child is carried to the font se­ parately.*

*The pastor makes the sign of the Cross before the face and breast* of the candiclate and says:

Receive the sign of the Holy Cross upon your brow and upon your heart as witness

that you belong to thc crucificd Lord Jesus Christ.

Whal is the child's name?- N.

*At the baptisrn of adulLs this quPstion is usually ornitted.*

THECREED

N., do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? - I do.

Do you believe in God, the Fathcr almighty, Creator ofheaven and earth?- I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceivcd by the Holy Spi­ rit, born of thc Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, <lied, and was buried, descen­ ded into heil, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, whence he will come again to jud­ ge the living and the dead? - I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy christian Church, the communion of sain ts, the forgivencss of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the cter­ nal life? - I do.

Will you be bapLized into this faith? - I will.

BAPTISM

*The fJastor jJours water Ihree times on the head of the candidate and says:*

N., I baptize yoL1

in thc name of the Fathcr, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The pastor lays his hand on the head of the canc/idate and says:* he almighty God, Father of our LordJesus Christ,

T

who has now bornc you again by watcr and the Holy Spirit,

and has given you the re mission of sin,

may he strengthcn you with his grace until eternal life.

He prescrve your going out and your coming in now and fr>revcr more. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*During the Lorrl's prayer the pastor lays his hancl on the head of the baptizerl person.*

O

ur Father in heavcn, hallowed be yoL1r name.

Your kingdom come. YoL1r will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive LIS our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against LIS.

Lead us nol into lcmplalion bul deliver us from evil.

For the k.ingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace be with you.

ADDRESS TO THE GODPARENTS

*The rongregation sils down. The pastor says to the child's (chil­ clren's) god/JClrenls and parents:*

Y

ou godparents ofthis child (these children) can now witness that he/she/thcy is/are baptized in

the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the I Ioly Spirit. And you should know what you owe to the child (cbildren) whose godparents you are. lf the parents should die before the child comes of age, you must see to it, as far as it is in your power,

that the child is brought up in christian teaching, in order that he/she may remain in Christ, as he/she has now been grafted unto him through baptism.

Peace be with you.

##### *Or*

arent.s and godparents ofthis child (these chil­ dren), you are now witnesses that he/she/they

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is/are baptized in the name ofthe Father, and of the Son, and ofthe Holy Spirit. Parents, you must bring up your child in the christian faith and pray for him/her that he/she may remain in Christ, even as he/she has been grafted unto him through baptism. And should the parcnts die bcfore the child comes of age, then you, the godparents, as far

as it is in your power, must see that he/she is brought up in the christian faith.

Peace be with you.

*17ie fxtslor is free to use his own words but may use one of the above addresses as a guide to what should be said.*

*Al the baf1tism of adults the jJastor ends with a short adclress to the sponsors.*

###### BAPTISMAL HYMN

*After the baptism a hymn is sung. VVhen bafJtism tahes jJlace at the normal morning service the hymn may be one of those nor­ mally used at the service, which fJroceecls as usual.*

###### (BAPTISMAL COLLECT)

*At services without communion and at special baptism services the foliowing bajJtismal collect is used to end the service:*

Let us pray:

T ord our God, our heavenly Father,

L we thank you with all our hearts

that you have brought us to your gracious baptism in which you give us the forgiveness of sins,

the Holy Spirit and eternal life,

for the sake ofyour Son.Jesus Christ. We prayyou:

Keep us in the faith,

tint we may never doubt this gift ofyours, and strengthen us through your Holy Spirit

to fight against sin and to remain in the grace of our baptism,

until we are forever blessed,

through your belovecl Son,Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,

one true God forever and ever. Amen.

*¼'hen there is a special servicefor baptism, it ends with the bles­*

*sing, a hymn and an organ /Jostlude.*

**Marriage**

*Marriage in church is solemnised by a j)(lstor in the presence oj al least two witnesses.*

*Bells may be rung or chimed befare the service in accordance wilh locctl custom.*

ORGAN PRELUDE FIRSTHYMN

INTRODUCTORY GREETING

[I] The Lord be with you.

[g] And with your spirit. *or* And also with you.

*These words may be omitted, or the pastor may say:*

The grace ofthe LordJesus Christ, the love of God,

and the fellowship ofthe Holy Spirit be with all ofyou.

INTRODUCTORYPRAYERAND READING

@ Let us pray:

**T** ord our God, heavenly Father,

**L** we thank you for the gift of life,

and for all who have shown us love from our childhood until this day. *V-le* pray you:

Give us always what we need

and daily renew our love to one another,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one true Godforever and ever. Amen.

[EJ lt is written,

"{**A** 7hen God had created heaven and earth, the **V V** sea, the sun, the moon and the stars, all plants and animals, hc said, 'Let us make human­

kind in our image, according to our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish ofthe sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all wild animals of thc earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God crcated humankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. And God blessed them.

And our LordJesus Christ says,

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aven't you read that the one who made them at the beginning made them male and fe­

male, and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh '? So they are no lon­ ger two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

And the apostle Paul writes,

B

ear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law ofChrist. As God's chosen

ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with com-

passion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against the othcr, forgive each other;just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

HYMN

*The bride and bridegroom go ujJ to the altar, or they may wait till after the address.*

ADDRESS

INTERROGATION AND DECLARATION

[EJ Inow ask you, N. *(the bridegroom's name),*

will you take N. *(lhe bride's name),* standing by your side,

to be your wife? - I will.

Will you love and honour her,

and live with her in prosperity and adversity

in what fortune God, the Almighty, will send you, as a husband should live with his wedded wife, until dcath parts you? - I will.

ikewise I ask you, N. *(the bride's name),*

L

will you take N. *(the b-riclegroom's narne),*

standing by your side,

to be your husband? - I will. Will you love and honour him,

and live with him in prosperity and adversity,

in what fortune God, the Almighty, will send you, as a wife should live with her wedded husband, until death parts you? - I will.

Then join your hands together.

*The jmstor lays his hand on their hands and says,*

S

ince you have promised one another that you will live together in marriage and have now

comfirmed this before God, and before us who are preselll, I declare you to be man and wife before God and all mankind.

*At this /Joint the bride and bridegroom may exchange rings.*

INTERCESSION

[xJ Let us pray:

*While the bride and bridegroom kneel, the pastor lays his hand an their heads and says:*

;\ lmighty God,

*J-\..*who created man and woman

that they may live together in holy matrimony and blessed them.

We ask you, bless this man and this woman,

let thern always live in your grace and in love for each other.

*Or*

ear heavenly Father,

D

grant this man and this woman

grace, happiness and blessing in soul and body.

Grant that they may love one another with faitbful love

and serve you sincerely in all things, tint tbey may live as your dear children

and finally be gatbercd unto you in the eternal mansions.

Hear us in the narnc ofjesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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ur Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdorn corne. Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into ternptation but dcliver us from evil.

For the kingdorn, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace be with you.

*If the marriage ends with the following hymn the pastor blesses the couple instead of saying, Peace be with you. The bride and bridegroom sit clown.*

HYMN

FINAL COLLECT

@ Let us pray:

T ord our God, heavenly Father,

L we thank you for the ordinance of marriage, and we pray you

that you will keep it strong among us with your blessing.

Grant that through the Holy Spirit all Christian marricd couplcs

may help one another to remain in your saving grace. Makc themjoyful in hope,

patiem in adversity

and persevering in prayer,

and strengthen them to become living members of your church,

that they rnay Anally be united with you in your kingdom,

where you live and reign with your Son and the Holy Spirit,

one true God, forever and ever.

*Or*

T ord, our God, heavenly Father,

L we thank you for the ordinance ofmarriage, and wc pray you:

Be graciously present with those who have this day entered into holy matrimony.

Bless them,

that they may be godfearing and live with one an­ other in love,

and give no causc for anger or strife. In the face of temptation,

may they always experience the help ofyour grace. Grant to them, and to all of us, to live our lives here on earth

in faith and obedience,

and finally to live in eternal blessedness,

through your beloved Son,Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

onc true God, forever and ever.

[g Amen.

BLESSING

@ The Lord be with you.

[g And with your spirit. *or* And also with you.

*These words may be omitted or used befare Lhe final collect.*

W **The**Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face lo shine upon you,

and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his counlenancc upon you, and give you peacc.

[g Amen. Amen. Amen. FINALHYMN

ORGAN POSTLUDE

# Church blessing of civil rnarriage

*Bel/,s inay be rung or chirned bifore lhP service in accordance wilh local custom.*

ORGAN PRELUDE FIRST HYMN

INTRODUCTORY GREETING

@ The Lord bc with you.

[fJ And with your spiriL.*orAnd* also with you.

*These words may be ornilled, or thefJastor may say:*

The grace ofthe LordJesus Christ, the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of'you.

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER AND READING

@ Let us pray:

**T** ord our God, hcavenly Fathcr,

**L** we thank you for the gift oflife, and for all who have shown us love from Olff childhood unLil this day.

We prayyou:

Give us always what we nced

and daily renew our love to onc another,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one true God forever and ever. Amen.

W It is wriuen,

"{ **A** !hen Godhadcrcated heaven and earth, lhe

**V V** sea, the sun, lhc moon and the stars, all

plants and animals, he said, 'Let us make human­ kind in our image, according to our likeness. Let thcm have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the hirds of the air, and over the cattlc, and over all wild animals of the earth, and over every crecping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created lhem. And God blesscd them.

And our LordJesus Christ says,

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aven't you read that the one who made thern at the beginning made them male and fe­

male, and said, 'For this reason a man shall Ieave his father and mother and bejoined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no onc separate.

And the apostle Paul writes,

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ear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. *As* God 's chosen

ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with com-

passion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if onc has a complaint against the other, forgive each other;just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds evcrything together in perfect harmony.

HYMN

*The bride and bridegroom go up to the altar, or they rnay wail*

*til! after the acldress.*

ADDRESS

INTERROGATION AND DECLARATION *(can be ornittecl).*

[I] N. and N., you are lawfully joined together in mar­ riage and have come today to obtain God's blessing

ofyour marriage.

I therefore ask you, N. *(bridegroom's name),* will you love and honour N. *(bricle's name)* and live with her in prosperity and adversity

in what fortune God, the Almighty, will send you, as a husband should live with his wedded wife until death parts you? - I will.

Likewise I ask you, N. *(bricle's name),*

will you love and honour N. *(briclegroom's name)*

and live with him in prosperity and adversity

in what fortune God, the Almighty, will send you, as a wife should live with her wedded husband until death parts you? - I will.

INTERCESSION

@ **unless** theLord builds the house the work of the buildcrs is in vain. Therefore we will now

ask God for the blessing of this man and this wo­ man.

*While the bride and bridegroom kneel, the pastor lays his hancls on lheir heacls and says:*

**J\lmighty** God,

**J-\...**who created man and woman

that they may live together in holy matrimony and blessed them.

We ask you, bless also this man and this wornan, let thcm always live in your grace

and in love for each other.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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ur Father in heaven, hallowed be your narne,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgivethose who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace be with you.

*The bricle and brirlegroom sit clown.*

HYMN

FINAL COLLECT

[EJ Let us pray:

T ord our God, heavcnly Fathcr,

L we thank you for the ordinancc ofmarriage, and wc pray you

that you will kcep it strong among us with your blessing.

Grant that through the Holy Spirit all christian married couples

may hclp one another to remain in your saving grace. Make themjoyful in hope,

patient in adversity

and pcrsevering in prayer,

and strcngthen them to becomc living members of your church,

that thcy may finally bc united with you in your kingdom,

where you live and reign with your Son and thc Holy Spirit,

one true God, forevcr and evcr.

*Or*

T ord, our God, heavenly Fathcr,

L we thank you for the ordinance of marriage, and we pray you:

Bc graciously present \\rjlh this man and this woman.

Blcss them,

that they rnay be godfcaring and live with one an­ other in love,

and give no cause for anger or strife. ln the face of temptation,

rnay thcy always experience the help ofyour grace.

Grant to thern, and to all ofus, to live our lives here on earth

in faith and obedience,

and finally to live in cternal blessedness,

through your beloved Son,Jcsus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns witb you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one true God, forever and ever.

[g] Amen.

BLESSING

[I] The Lord be with you.

[g] And with your spirit. *or*And also with you.

*These words may be omitted or used befare the final collect.*

[TI The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and

give you peace.

[g] Amen. Amen. Amen.

###### FINALHYMN

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**Funeral**

*1zuo ritualsforfunerals follow, a long and a short one. Either may be usecl at burials or at cremations. They are only intended as a guide to the orcler of service, bul the order of the service of cornrnital is always the same. At a burial the service encls with casting earth on the grave in the cemetery. ln the case of crema­ tion the earth is casl on the wffin in thechurch or chapel.*

#### Longer version

*Guide to the order of service* ORGAN PRELUDE HYMN

GREETING

@ Grace to you

and peace from God our Father and the LordJesus Christ.

*Or*

@ The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit. *or* And also with you.

INTRODUCTORY COLLECT

@ Let us pray:

***J\***lmighty, eternal God,

**.fl..**Father of mercy and God of all compassion, hear us whocall upon you

in sorrow and bereavement

and grant us consolation and strength in our need, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Or*

**J\lmighty,** eternal God, hcavenly Father,

**.fl..**we thank you

that you so loved the world, that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish,

but may have eternal life.

V·/e pray you

to comfort and strengthen us all in our sorrow, and keep us in living faith in your only-begotten Son, that, with all whom you have saved, we may finally come home to you

and praise and honour you forever

through your beloved Son, our LordJesus Christ. Amen.

*Or*

erciful Father

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we thank you 'for the lifc you have given us with itsjoys and sorrows;

we thank you that we know

that all things may work for good forthose who love you.

Keep us now in our sorrow firmly with you; remind us

that through the death and resurrcction ofyour Son, you have borne all our sorrows

and rencwed us to a living hope.

Help us never to forget

that in our baptism you have made us yours

and have promised us the forgiveness or sins and eternal life.

In this faith wc thank you

for all good gifts which you have given us through the life ofhim/her

whohasnow passed away,

and we commit his/her body and soul into your hands

asking you LO keep him/her

for ajoyfol resurrection on the last day.

Send us your help that our sense of loss may be eased, and strengthen us in the hopc ofyour coming king­ dom,

into which you lead all your children home to your­ self,

to praisc and honour you forever. Amen.

##### *Or*

ur Creator and Father in heaven, you see all our sorrows;

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this we know from your belovcd Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who shared life and death with us here

so that we might share his lifc with you forever. We now pray you:

Give us your Holy Spirit,

grant us love from your own love, sorrow from your sorrow,

life from your life that we take courage

and believe the word ofyour Son, to cast away all fear

and livejoyfully with one another on earth, until you make us forever glad in your light, you who lives and reigns with the Son

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one true God,

forever and ever. Amen.

###### READING(S)

*The pastor continues with ane ar two readings from the Old or/and the New Testamenl.*

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e rcnounce the devil and all his works and all his ways.

We bclicve in God, the Fathcr almighty, Creator of

heaven and earth.

We believc in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord, who ,vas conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilatc, was crucifted, dicd, and was buricd. Hede­ scended into heil. On the third day hc rose again from tbc dead, ascencled into heaven, and sits at

the right hand of God, the Fathcr almighty, whence hc will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in thc Holy Spirit, the holy christian Church, the communion ofsaints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the eter­ nal life. Amen.

**HYMN**

*May be omitted or there may be a hymn between two readings in­ sleacl.*

**SERMON**

*lf lwo readings are clPsirrd, lhe seconcl one should be read irnrne­ cliately befare the sennon.*

1-IYMN

**COMMIITAL** *(in churrh or chafJel)*

*Whrn Lhe committal tahes place in church or chajJel, it shoulrt take place rifter the hyrnn following the sermon.*

*The rommitlal must be carriecl out in arcorclance with the pre­ scribecl form.*

**FINAL COLLECT**

[EJ Let us pray:

T ord God, our heavenly Father,

L we thank you with all our hearts

that you have granted us to live in this blessed time when we can hear your holy gospel,

know your divine and fatherly will, and see your Son,Jesus Christ.

V-le pray you

in your abundant mercy,

graciously keep the holy light of your word among us. Lead and guide our hearts by your Holy Spirit,

that we may never swerve from your word, but firmly remain in il

so that we would rather leave behind all else,

and at last obtain cternal life,

through your Son,Jesus Christ, our Lord

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy SpiriL,

one true God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Or*

ur God and Father in heaven, we thank you

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for receiving our Lord.Jesus Christ into your kingdom when he gave his life

to save the world.

\11/e pray you:

Reccive also us

who are baptized unto his death. May we not be lost in fear and anger on this day ofsorrow,

but let us live according to the will of the Lord,

full ofhope in his faith, until we are forever blessed,

through your crucified and risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and rcigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit,

one true God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Or*

T oving, righteous God, L hel per of the helpless, saviour oflost souls,

judge of tbe blessed,

give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit.

Keep our hope alive

so that we do not des pair in times of misfortune; keep our faith alive

so that we are not lost for you; keep our love alive

so that we are not lost for each other in our sorrow, but live asbest we can

until you gather us to yourself

in the new heaven on the new eanh

born again through.Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSlNG

@ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**COMMITTAL** *(in thP cemetry)*

*The cornmittal lakes place in affordance wilh the /Jrescribed form.*

*A skort closing hymn.*

### Shorter version

*GuirlP to the ord,er ofsernice*

HYMN

GREETING

@ Grace to you

and peace from God our Father and thc LordJesus Christ.

###### READING

*The j){tslor continues with onr of the readings from thr longer vrrsion. The rracling rnay br omitted if lhr creed is said.*

THECREED

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e renounce the dcvil and all his works and all his ways.

Wc believc in God, thc Father almighty, Crcator of

heaven and carth.

We belicve in Jesus Christ, his only-bcgotten Son, our Lord, who was conccived by thc the Holy Spirit,

born ofthe Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. Hede­ scended into heil. On the third day he rose again from Lhe dead, ascended into heaven, and sies at

the righL hand ofGod, the Father almighty, whence he will come agai n to judge Lhe living and the dead. We believe in Lhe Holy Spirit, the holy christian Church, the communion ofsaints, the forgiveness of sins, Lhe resurrection of the body, and the eter­ nal life.

###### SERMON

*A shorl ser-mon follows.*

*lnstead of lhr sennon or at lhe end of the sennon, one of the fol­ lowing jHayers may be used:*

ur Father in heaven,

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we thank you for your love and faithfulness through your Son,Jesus Christ,

for all the gifts of this life,

for our loved ones

and for all you have given us through him/her, whom we have now lost.

We ask you

Lo Lake him/her in your bands, comfon us in our sorrow, judge us mercifully at our end,

and give us a glorious resurrecLion for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

##### *Or*

O

ur Fathcr in heavcn,

we thank you for every good gift in this life and for the hopc of etcrnal life

into which wc have bcen reborn through the rcsurrection af.Jesus. Be merciful to him/hcr,

who has now lefl us,

and, for the sake ofjesus, be a rncrcifuljudge of us all. Con firm LIS in the faith,

so that, togethcr with all those you have saved,

we may honour and praise you through all eternity. Amen.

*(Alternatively one of the collecls from the longer version may be used.)*

###### HYMN

**COMMIITAL** *(in churrh or dwpel)*

*vWien the roinmittal takes /Jlace in rhwrh or clwpel, it shoulcl take J1lace rifter the h)'lnn Jollowing lhe sennon in whirh case the service finishPs with a hymn and /Jost/ude.*

*ThP rommittal LahPs place in accordance with the f1rescriberl form.*

BLESSING

[fJ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

[g Amen.

*Or*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**COMMITTAL** *(in tlte cemetry)*

*Tfu,romrnitlal tahes place in arcordance with the /Jrescribed form.*

*A shorl closing hymn.*

**Cornrnittal**

*The paslor begins with the acclamatio11:*

W **Blessed** betheGodandFather of our LordJesus

Christ.

By his great mercy

he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection ofjcsus Christ from the dead.

*The pastor throws earth on the coffin three times with the words:*

N., from dust you have come. To dust you shall return.

From dust you shall rise again.

Let us pray:

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ur Father in heaven, hallowcd be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heavcn.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as wc forgivethose who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory arc yours,

now and forcver. Amen.

[EJ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord **lift** up his countenance upon you, and

give you peace.

[g] Amen.

*lf the Aronitic blessing has been used previously, the afJostolic blessing may be usecl insteacl:*

[EJ The grace of the LordJesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the fcllowship of the Holy Spirit be wi th all of us. Amen.

