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Leader. O God, make speed to save us.

R1 **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader. My heart tells of your word, ‘Seek my face.’

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Leader. I was glad when they said to me,

Let us go to the house of the Lord! *Psalm 122:1*

Leader. As we invite God’s presence amongst us as we prepare to bring him our worship.

Lord, we lift our hearts and voices to you.

R1. Come, Holy Father.

Leader. Lord, we kneel at the foot of your cross.

R1. Come, Holy Son.

Leader. Lord, we open our lives to your glory.

R1. Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader. Grace and peace with be with us

and keep us in the love of Christ.

Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.

No secrets are hidden from you.

Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit

that we may love and worship you faithfully,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader. The lord be with you.

R1. And also with you.

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Leader. Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of **our** hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify **your** Holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

R1. *A prayer of praise and thanksgiving*

O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.”
Amen. Ps. 95:1-3..

Invitation to confession

L, The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.
Lord have mercy

R1.Lord, have mercy.

L. Christ the light of the world has come to dispel
the darkness of our hearts.
Christ, have mercy.

R1. Christ, have mercy.

L We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.
Lord, have mercy.

R1. Lord, have mercy.

R1. Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,

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L. Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
we pray that you have mercy upon *us*,
pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,
confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,
and keep *us* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader. . Collect.

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen**All Amen.**

Reader1. Said Hymn *Just as I am*,
Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bides me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come! I come

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fighting and fears within without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen**

The Word of the Lord,

Leader 73. 21-28

21. When my heart became embittered ♦
and I was pierced to the quick,

I was but foolish and ignorant; ♦
I was like a brute beast in your presence.

Yet I am always with you; ♦
you hold me by my right hand.

You will guide me with your counsel ♦
and afterwards receive me with glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you? ♦
And there is nothing upon earth that I desire
in comparison with you.

Though my flesh and my heart fail me, ♦
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

Truly, those who forsake you will perish; ♦
you will put to silence the faithless who betray you.

But it is good for me to draw near to God; ♦
in the Lord God have I made my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

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Reader 1. *Hebrews 2:14-18*

1 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord. **All. Thanks be to God.**

Leader. May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear the words of the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*

All. Glory to you, O Lord.

L. Luke 10:38-42 *At the Home of Martha and Mary*

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

R1. O God, my Strength, we believe that We can do all things through you who strengthens me.

We ask that You have Your divine way in our lives so that we can grow into this divine promotion that You have called us to. **Amen**

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The Apostles creed

The Creed (*We join in with the words in bold*)

L. We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

**R1. make of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

L. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

**R1. God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

L. Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

R1. Through him all things were made.

L. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**R1. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

L. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

R1. he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

L. We believe in the Holy Spirit,

R1. the Lord, the giver of life,

L. who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

R1. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.

L. He has spoken through the prophets.

R1. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

L. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**R1. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

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Let us Pray. Prayers of Intercession

Leader.

Everlasting God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers which we offer in his name and by the power of your Holy Spirit working among us that we might tell “The word of Truth” and live the Gospel of Salvation as a living example for all mankind.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

R1. Creator God we pray for the leaders of the world carrying responsibilities for the lives of their people especially the Royal Family

We pray for all around the World who are still affected by the Coronavirus and that the vaccines will be distributed fairly across all nations.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

R1. Loving God we pray for healing in body, mind and spirit for all who are in need. We pray that in lives darkened by any kind of pain, distress or grief the light of Christ will bring comfort, hope and a sense of your all-encompassing love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

R1. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body and mind, those that will be given bad news during the coming week, the sick; those caring for others; those finding it hard to care for themselves, for the dying and those who wait with them; give them courage in their troubles;

In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know or love who are in need or ill at this time.....

Moment of Quiet

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader. We pray for all who have departed this life, for past members of this community, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. We pray that those left behind may find comfort through the lords Grace.

LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

AND RISE IN GLORY

Father, we rejoice all out prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.

In your unfailing love for us, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, as we honour his mother and say:

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**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

R1 Merciful Farther
Please accept these prayers
For the Sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Leader. Pour out your Holy Spirit
The Light of God surrounds us;
The Love of God enfolds us;
The Power of God protects us;
The Presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, --God is----

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us:

**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 them that 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,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in
me will live, even though they die; *John 11.25*

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The Peace

Leader.

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

R1. and also with you.

NOTICES 1. Compline Tuesday evenings 8pm and
Also 2, please keep this Sunday afternoon sheet and Tuesday
Compline service pew sheets for subsequent weeks as the formats
will be similar in the weeks to come.

Leader. May Christ draw us to humility and worship,
and bring us to see God at work;
and we pray for the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
to be among us and remain with us always. **All Amen.**

Leader. Let us go in peace.

We go into the world

to walk in God’s light,

to rejoice in God’s love

and to reflect God’s glory. **Amen.**

**All. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore**

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• Goodbyes

Leader. Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Loud Response by All. I come to Christ.

Leader. The Lord bless us and keep us;

The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace

**All, And may the Peace of the lord Jesus Christ be always with you
And also, with you.**

and **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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