

**All:** you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
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.

#### OPENING PRAYER

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 32: 15-18* *Sit*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalms 84:9-14*

**All:** The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

**SECOND READING:** *Romans 12: 9-14*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Stand*

**All:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 5: 1-12*

**SHARED REFLECTION** *Sit*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED** *Stand*

Leader: Sisters and brothers,  
let us now stand and reaffirm our faith, the faith of the Church:

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, *(all bow)*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died and was buried;  
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again  
from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

##### PRAYER OF PRAISE

Leader: Let us praise God who is the source of our faith.  
Shout joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;  
worship the Lord with cries of gladness;  
come before God with joyful song.

**All:** Let us give thanks to our God for his mercy and love.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong,  
whose people we are, God's well-tended flock.

**All:** Let us give thanks to our God for his mercy and love.

Leader: Enter the temple gates with praise, its courts with thanksgiving.  
Give thanks to God, bless his name; good indeed is the Lord,  
whose love endures forever,  
whose faithfulness lasts through every age.

**All:** Let us give thanks to our God for his mercy and love.

### COMMUNION RITE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**PRAYER FOR PEACE / ADMONITION TO UNITY** *Kneel*

**RECEPTION OF COMMUNION / COMMUNION SONG**

**PERIOD OF SILENCE or COMMUNION REFLECTION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Stand*

#### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

**All:** We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

**All:** Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

#### **GREETING & BLESSING**

Leader: Let us ask for God's blessing.  
May God who formed our southern land  
be for us all a rock of strength.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May God who rules our southern seas  
keep us safe in every storm.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May God who made our southern skies  
turn our darkness into light.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May almighty God bless us all,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **FINAL HYMN**

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## **ASSEMBLY OF WORD AND COMMUNION**

### **AUSTRALIA DAY – YEAR C 2021**

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

##### **GATHERING & OPENING HYMN**

*Stand*

##### **GREETING & WELCOME**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Blessed be God of the universe, for this land,  
for its contrasts of landscape and climate,  
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Leader: Blessed be God for our history,  
with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope.  
Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.  
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

##### **OPENING RITE: PENITENTIAL RITE OR GLORIA**

Leader: With people everywhere, let us glorify our God in joyful praise:  
Glory to God in the highest,

**All: and on earth peace to people of good will.**  
**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,**  
**we give you thanks for your great glory,**  
**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**  
**you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**