

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

SECOND READING: *Romans 12: 9-13*

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 now stand and praise God who is the source of our faith.
Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of all ages;

from eternity you have called us to be your people,
to sing your praise at all times. Bless us in our work and prayer,
and grant that our lives may give you glory
through our words, our witness, and our worship.

**All: We give you praise, Father, through Jesus Christ our brother
and our Lord, in the communion of the Holy Spirit,
God for endless ages, how great is your name.**

Leader: All praise leads to you, Father in heaven, for leading us from
the darkness of sin into the light of your kingdom.
We bless you for sending your Son to save us,
to die for us that we might die to sin,
to be raised that we may share your life.
We thank you for giving us your spirit of love
to live in our hearts and lead us to you.

**All: All glory, praise and honour be yours, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for endless ages. To you, we voice our praise and say
how great is your name, O God.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of all that is,
and Father of your chosen people:
we praise and thank you for your love.
Bring us to continue to praise you by our lives and by our worship.
Send the Spirit of your Son into the hearts of all people,
and lead them to eternal joy with you.

**All: Gracious God, we ask this grace through Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our brother, in the love of the Holy Spirit,
as we voice our praise and say, how great is your name, O God.**

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Stand*

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. 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 & FINAL HYMN

Leader: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

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