

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Music

Mozart: *Laudate Dominum*, sung by Lucia Popp

<i>Laudate Dominum omnes gentes</i>	Praise the LORD, all you nations!
<i>Laudate eum, omnes populi</i>	Extol him, all you peoples!
<i>Quoniam confirmata est</i>	For great is his steadfast love
<i>Super nos misericordia eius</i>	toward us,
<i>Et veritas, veritas Domini manet,</i>	and the faithfulness of the LORD
<i>manet in aeternum</i>	endures forever.
<i>Gloria Patri et Filio</i>	Glory be to the Father,
<i>Et Spiritui Sancto</i>	and to the Son,
<i>Sicut erat in principio</i>	and to the Holy Spirit.
<i>Et nunc, et semper</i>	As it was in the beginning,
<i>Et in saecula saeculorum</i>	is now, and ever shall be,
<i>Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen</i>	world without end. Amen

Going out as the people of God

Lord, bless us with your enabling love.
Heal our brokenness, that we may be true signs of that love.
As you send us out from this place,
be our constant companion.
Guide us in our efforts to serve our neighbours better
and those who struggle with this life,
along with all who love and support them.
Help us to share the life-giving power of your love
that those in need may experience your steadfast compassion.
Bless, guide and heal us, now and always
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

SUNDAY LITURGY



Quietening moment (Goldberg Aria)

Opening Hymn

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Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven:
Let all people hear the call.
Peace to those who honour God
Who bear good will and love to all.
Gracious ruler, loving creator,
We adore and give you praise.
Hear our song of glad thanksgiving
For your grace, your loving ways.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ,
The Son, the Lamb, who once was slain.
Now you are alive forever,
Help us all God's life to gain.
You alone are blessed and holy:
Jesus Christ, beloved Son.
Sharing glory with the Spirit
And with the Eternal One.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Wisdom (18:6-9)

That night was made known beforehand to our ancestors
so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths
in which they trusted.

The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies
were expected by your people.

For by the same means by which you punished our enemies
you called us to yourself and glorified us.

For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices
and with one accord agreed to the divine law,

so that the holy ones would share alike the same things,
both blessings and dangers,

and already they were singing the praises of the ancestors.

Psalm 33

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,

on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (11:1-2, 8-19)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (12:32-48)

Jesus said: “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?” And the Lord said, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.”

Quiet Prayer | Lectio | Creed | Intercessions

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?
I do.

Do you 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?
I do.