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Liturgy for Ordinary Time

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Call To Worship

To be said after the procession of the cross thereby opening the time of worship and adoration in song before the Lord. There is no distinction between clergy and layperson for this portion of the liturgy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

People: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Celebrant: I was glad when they said to me:

People: Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Celebrant: Praise the Lord:

People: The name of the Lord be praised.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, Amen.

The Eucharistic Service for Ordinary Time

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The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

People: He is.

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

People: He is.

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

People: He is.

Celebrant: This is our God:

People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: We are his people:

People: We are redeemed.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, Holy Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver.

All: From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Celebrant: Therefore with angels, archangels, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

(Celebrant and People say together)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: For He taught us how to live and even how to pray saying,

(Celebrant and People say together)

**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 those who 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant: And now with a humble and repentant heart we come before You Father confessing.

(Celebrant and People say together)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done and what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we will be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with You, our God.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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Here then the good news: those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed, and the new has come (sign of the cross may be given.) May He strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

The Words of Institution

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take; eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Eucharistic Blessing

May be celebrated by layperson or clergy.

Celebrant: Almighty God, Holy Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ,

Celebrant: All our problems:

People: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our difficulties:

People: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All the devils works:

People: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our hopes:

People: We set on the risen Christ

Celebrant: Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always.

People: Amen.

Benediction

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May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May he lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.
May the strength of God go with you;
May the wisdom of God instruct you,
May the hand of God protect you,
May the word of God direct you.
May you be sealed in Christ this day and for evermore.
Amen

From Numbers 6 and St. Patrick.

Liturgy to be used at Advent

Four Winds Anglican Mission

Call To Worship

Celebrant: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

People: **On them light has shined.**

Celebrant: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice

People: **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.**

Celebrant: Let the paddocks and fields exult, and everything in them.

People: **Let all the trees sing for joy before the Lord; for He is coming,**

Celebrant: For a child has been born to us

People: **And His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.**

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest heaven,

People: **And on earth, peace among those whom he favors!**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God, creator of all life, you made us in your image, and sent your Son to live as one of us. As we celebrate the glad time of his birth, we pray that your love may be born anew in us. Help us to respond to the greatness of your love by sharing it with our neighbor. Amen.

Here the liturgy for the lighting of the Advent Wreath is inserted based upon the specific week of Advent.

The Eucharistic Service for Advent at Four Winds Mission

The Great Thanksgiving

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People: He is.

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Celebrant: We are his people:

People: We are redeemed.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, Holy Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver.

All: When the days were fulfilled, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us through His Son, Jesus the Beloved. Born of the virgin Mary by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, guarded by Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a baby, humbly born, cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath, human as we are, in need of human love. Yet kings bowed down before Him, bringing gifts and emperors were troubled by his coming –this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. This Word of God made flesh and full of grace was sent to deliver us from our sin, from the power of evil and the fear of death.

Celebrant: Therefore we declare with one voice.

People: Hosanna in the highest. The Savior has come.

Confession

Celebrant: Because of the precious blood of our beloved Savior we come to you Heavenly Father with assurance humbly confessing our sins,

(Celebrant and People say together)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
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We remember his death,
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And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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May be celebrated by layperson or clergy.

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**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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Liturgy under Special Circumstances

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Call To Worship

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Amen.**

In Place of the Words of Institution

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

Almighty Father, whose dear son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive these consecrated elements thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

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Benediction (Priestly Blessing) must be omitted.

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Liturgy for Advent under Special Circumstances Four Winds Anglican Mission

Call To Worship

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People: On them light has shined.

Celebrant: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

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The Advent Eucharist Under Special Circumstances for Four Winds Anglican Mission

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always.

People: Amen.

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The Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Four Winds Anglican Mission

Advent Week 1 - Hope

Celebrant: *(this can be communicated without reading if the celebrant desires)*

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. The first candle is traditionally known as the “Prophecy Candle.” It commemorates the prophets of old who foretold the coming of the Savior. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart and a broken spirit. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope for our only hope is in Christ alone.

(First PURPLE candle is lit as one verse from O Come, O Come Emmanuel is sung)

All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark and wounded places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the ever-changing power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed as we place our hope in You alone, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen

Advent Week 2 - Love

Celebrant: *(this can be communicated without reading if the celebrant desires)*

Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle traditionally known as the “Bethlehem Candle.” It represents love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times. We recognize love in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God first loved us and sent His Son into the world. Emmanuel, God with us.

(Two PURPLE candles are lit while one verse of "O Come, O come Emmanuel" is sung)

All: Loving God, we open ourselves wholeheartedly to you this Advent season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your love. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by Your love that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Advent Week 3 - Joy

Celebrant: *(this can be communicated without reading if the celebrant desires)*

We have lit the first two purple candles, one for hope and one for love. Today we light the third candle. It is colored pink and is known as the, "Shepherd's Candle," for it was the shepherds who heard the angels bringing glad tidings of great joy. This is the candle of joy. Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but true joy is also a choice to set aside our preferences in favor of the will of God. Today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it within us. Our response is to give it care and share it with the world.

{Two PURPLE candles and one PINK are lit as one verse of "O Come, O come Emmanuel" is sung.}

All: Loving God, we open ourselves fully to Your presence. You created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the ever-changing power of hope. Magnify Your love within us. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by joy, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Advent Week 4 - Peace

Celebrant: *(this can be communicated without reading if the celebrant desires)*

We have lit three candles. Those representing Hope, Love and Joy. Today we light the fourth candle traditionally known as the, "Angels Candle." It is the candle of peace. In this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, leading us into Shalom; the peace of God that makes us whole and complete.

{Four candles are lit, all three PURPLE and one PINK as one verse of "O Come, O come Emmanuel" is sung}

All: Loving God, in this time of Advent we thank you for the hope, love, joy and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the ever-changing power of hope. Magnify Your love within us, Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. And lead us into Your perfect shalom. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by peace, That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Liturgy

Celebrant: *(this can be communicated without reading if the celebrant desires)*

Hope, love, joy, and peace. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this one we light tonight: the Christ candle. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, a love that is magnified within us by the power of the Holy Spirit, a joy that cannot be contained but must be shared, and the peace that makes us whole and complete. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

[All candles are lit as one verse of, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is sung.]

All: We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of His Son Jesus. In all his life manifesting the hope, joy, love and peace of God. His voice undimmed by the centuries. His call and His promise clear to us as it was to those who walked with Him long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

Christmas Eve Liturgy

Four Winds Mission

Call to Worship

Celebrant: Let us go, just as we are, to see what has happened.

People: **let us go with the shepherds:
let us go and find the One of whom the angels sang.**

Celebrant: Let us go with those who are wise:

People: **let us go and find the One who brings God's truth to us.**

Celebrant: Let us go with the poor in spirit, and in flesh;

People: **let us go with those who are humbled by life: Let us find the Glory of God born
in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.**

Celebrant: Let us go with our friends and family,

People: **let us go with our neighbors and with strangers,**

Celebrant: let us go with all the children of God:

People: **let us go to find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.**

Celebrant: O come, let us go to the Babe of Bethlehem; O come, let us adore him!

People: **Christ our Lord!**

Call to Reconciliation

Celebrant: Holiness is who you are, God of Christmas, and blessings come in Jesus Christ, your Child of Grace. Finding no warm welcome at his birth, he knew the cold shoulder of friends at his death; born in the rude confines of a barn, he knew the suffering of your children; sent to be your Word made flesh, He calls us to follow him into Your Kingdom; proclaimed by the prophet as our Prince of Peace, he died in the quagmire of human violence.

By his death and resurrection, You have given new life to all creation. So, as we gather on this holiest of nights, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

Celebrant: Born in the shadows of night,

People: **Christ is our light;**

Celebrant: dying on a rough cross,

People: **Christ is our life;**

Celebrant: rising from a cold tomb,

People: **Christ is our hope;**

Celebrant: returning to us once more,

People: Christ is our salvation.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon us, Wonderful Counselor, and on the gifts you have given us. We lift the broken bread, praying we would be made whole, at peace with one another, and reconciled to you. As we drink from the vineyard of grace, we believe that our salvation has come, and we are one with Christ, our flesh filled with his spirit of sacrifice, our spirits refreshed by his compassionate heart.

As your joy flows into us, may we become a river carrying your justice to the poor; as your hope sings in our hearts, may we carry your righteousness to all who suffer. And as we taste the promise of the feast you prepare for us in your kingdom, may we live for you and serve your children, as we have been served by the Child of Christmas, Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior.

All: Amen.

Confession

God who came for us: Forgive us . . .
when our shadowed lives dim your Light; when the tinsel of Christmas means more to us than your truth; when our hearts of stone resist the pain and brokenness around us; when we care more about what is under the tree, than the damage we do to your creation and to your children. Have mercy on us, Healing God, so we might tear down the walls we have built to keep your love away; so we could seek your justice for our sisters and brothers; so our hearts would become cradles for your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

I bring you glad tidings of great joy: those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed, and the new has come (sign of the cross may be given.) May He strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord

People: Surely it is right to give thanks to the One who offers abundant life.

Celebrant: This is the night our hearts bursts open with Joy, this is the evening Grace pours out of heaven, this is the moment when You come to make all things new, ever-creating God. You shaped light out of the shadows of chaos, and molded your children from the earth, breathing your Spirit into our empty lungs. Made for life with you in the Garden you designed for us, we ran away into the wilds of the world, believing we were wiser than you, that we could make our own way.

Yet your love never failed us, your compassion was never taken from us, you would not abandon us in our foolishness. You brought us out of slavery into that land of promise and hope. You sent your prophets to speak to us of the peril of our ways, and to remind us of Your love for us. A love so passionate, that you sent your only Son to become one of us that we might be one with you again.

So on this night when heaven reaches down to caress creation with healing, we join the angel choirs who sang your glory, and with your people in every time and place, caroling the good news which is ours:

People: Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis deo! Creation joins in the angelic chorus of joy. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One born to us this night. Hosanna in the highest!

Christmas Sunday Liturgy

Four Winds Mission

Call to Worship

Celebrant: Wonder of wonders, God has come to us!

People: **Not as a judge, but a Savior, not in power, but as a servant.**

Celebrant: Wonder of wonders, God comes to us!

People: **Not in silence, but in the Word made flesh;
not in the shadows, but bringing Light.**

Celebrant: Wonder of wonders!

People: **God is with us!**

Celebrant: Come let us worship the Lord together.

Christmas Prayer

(In place of Prayers of the People. Can be read by a congregant)

Celebrant: Angels sang their anthems at the midnight hour to awaken a sleeping creation; shepherds came to worship you, and went away rejoicing; wise ones gave their hearts to you, so they could dwell in yours.

People: **O Immanuel, we adore you!**

Celebrant: You came to us as a baby, to hold us in your grace; you came to us in a stable, so we would have no trouble finding you; you came to us in poverty, to enrich our lives.

People: **O Beautiful Messenger of Peace, we adore you!**

Celebrant: You play with us in the streets of the kingdom; you build your home deep within our souls; you walk with us in the winter of life.

People: **O Wisdom from on high, we adore you!**

Celebrant: Holy Father all the faithful lift their songs of joy to you, even as we pray as Jesus has taught us, saying,

All: 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 those who 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,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Call to Reconciliation

God became one of us, so that we could see the face of love, hear the voice of peace, be touched by the hand of grace, know the heart of mercy. God comes to us, offering us forgiveness and peace. Let us humbly come before Him saying,

Prayer of Confession

**All: You came in weakness, Mighty God:
forgive our grasping for power.
You came in humility, Prince of Peace:
forgive us for wanting more than others.
You came in poverty, Everlasting One:
forgive us when we do not see your family sleeping in our streets.
You came in gentleness, Wonderful Counselor:
forgive us for the anger we speak and the pain we cause.**

**Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today:
forgive us, heal us, make us new;
then we will join the angels in singing your praises
this Christmas Day and all the days to come.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

I bring you glad tidings of great joy. Christ has come. Our sins are forgiven. We bring the cross of Christ between us and all the works of the Evil one in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: May the Child of Bethlehem be born in you.

People: And in your heart as well.

Celebrant: Children of God, lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the One who came to us that first Christmas morning.**

Celebrant: People of God, give thanks to the One who is always with us.

People: **O come, o come Immanuel, to feed us at your Table.**

Celebrant: Everlasting God, You spoke the Word and mountains sprang to attention, rivers and oceans splashed at Your command, and the dust from the ground was gathered up and shaped in your image. Your Spirit breathed life into us, that we might be with you forever. But when we looked beyond your glory, and saw the temptations the world dangled before our eyes, we rushed to embrace sin and death. Yet you looked past our rebellion, seeing the people we could become, and so sent Isaiah and Hannah, Simeon and Anna as your faithful witnesses. When we continued to follow our own desires and close our hearts to your Voice you sent the Word of hope in the silence of a stable.

Therefore, we join with the angels of Bethlehem's skies, and all those who sing of your steadfast love, in every time and place:

Sanctus

All: Holy are you, Mighty God, and blessed is the One who comes in your name, our Lord and Savior, your Gift to all the world. You would not keep the Word to yourself, but sent him to tell us of your hopes for us. You did not cling to the Prince of Peace, but poured him out to end our enmity and violence with one another. You could not hold your Heart in your hands, but allowed him to be broken on the tree of Calvary that we might be made whole forever.

Celebrant: So, as we celebrate his birth, his life, his death and his resurrection, we remember the faith which he models for us, and gives to us as our inheritance:

Words of Institution

Celebrant: As we gather at your Table, send your Spirit upon the bread and the cup, and upon us, your children. As you sent Jesus to be born of Mary, may we bear the burdens of others; as you became One with us in the Child, may we live at peace with all people; as you have brought us out of the shadows of our sin, may we carry the Light of the world to all who live in the darkness of oppression and injustice.

Then, when we gather at your Table prepared for all people in your kingdom, we will sing that new song first caroled at creation and echoed through Bethlehem's hills:

People: **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all."
Amen.**

Liturgy for Season of Lent

Four Winds Mission

Call to Worship

Celebrant: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

All: and also with you.

The Celebrant then explains:

Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated through sin. In course of time the Church came to recognize that, by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Lord, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent.
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our failings,
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect forgiveness and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Service for Lent

Four Winds Mission

The Liturgy of Penitence

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Celebrant: Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

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Celebrant: God the Son,

People: have mercy on us.

Celebrant: God the Holy Spirit,

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Celebrant: Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

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Celebrant: From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

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Celebrant: In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death, and at the day of judgment,

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Celebrant: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood, and obedience; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

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Celebrant: Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**People: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

SILENCE is kept for a time

Celebrant: Make our hearts clean, O God;
People: and renew a right spirit within us.

Confession

Celebrant: We join our hearts and voices in this prayer of confession
All

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Under Anglican and more specifically Rwandan Canons the assurance of pardon can only be performed by an ordained priest and not the diaconate. In the absence of an ordained, a priest may either invite another priest to give the assurance or it must be omitted.

Here then the good news: those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed, and the new has come (sign of the cross may be given.) May He strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

The Words of Institution

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take; eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, and proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. As we look for his coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup his one perfect sacrifice. Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty with all that we are and all that we ever hope to be.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and receive him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Eucharistic Blessing

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People: Amen.

Almighty God, We thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Benediction

Under Anglican and more specifically Rwandan canons the benediction is to be offered by a priest. In the absence of an ordained a priest (pastor) may assign an ordained deacon to pronounce the blessing over the people.

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May he lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.
May the strength of God go with you;
May the wisdom of God instruct you,
May the hand of God protect you,
May the word of God direct you.
May you be sealed in Christ this day and for evermore.
Amen

From Numbers 6 and St. Patrick.

Liturgy for Season of Lent Under Special Circumstances Four Winds Mission

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We have wounded your love,
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and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (omit)

In Place of the Words of Institution

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

Almighty Father, whose dear son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive these consecrated elements thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these

holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

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Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

Benediction (omit)

Closing prayer.

Liturgical Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Four Winds Mission

Greeting and explanation

Imposition of the Ashes

As a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of preparation for Easter, I invite you to receive on your head in ash the sign of the cross, the symbol of our salvation.

God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth:
grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by your grace alone
that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Spoken by priest when ashes are administered

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

Silence is kept.

Prayer 1

Celebrant: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers;
neither take Thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom
thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood and be not angry with us forever.

People: Spare us, good Lord

Celebrant: From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil;
from thy wrath; and from everlasting damnation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Celebrant: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all uncharitableness,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Celebrant: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the
world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Celebrant: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Celebrant: From lightening and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Celebrant: From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Celebrant: By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Celebrant: By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of thy Holy Ghost,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Celebrant: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us

Silence is kept.

Prayer 2

Celebrant: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please You to rule and govern Thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Celebrant: That it may please thee to bless ++Archbishop Rajwe, our Rwandan Bishops, The Anglican Mission in America and it's pastors, priests and Bishops

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Celebrant: That it may please thee to bless our Rwandan brothers and sisters across the sea and our fellow brothers and sisters here in America

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Celebrant: That it may please thee to bless the body of Four Winds Mission, Our pastor and our Bishop +TJ.

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Celebrant: May we stand true to the calling of one sent to be a missionary light to our own people

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Celebrant: That it may please thee to illumine all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Celebrant: That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Celebrant: That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, President Barak Obama and all others in authority, that they may above all things seek thy honor and glory,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to guide all Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, all who are in want, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, all infirm persons, and young children; and all who are bereft of spouse or parent,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to preserve all who are in peril by reason of their labor or their travel,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit

to amend our lives according to thy Holy Word,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
and to turn their hearts,

People: *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People: *Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

Silence is kept.

Prayer 3

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: *Grant us thy peace.*

Celebrant: O Christ, hear us.

People: *O Christ, hear us.*

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us*

Celebrant: Christe eleison

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us*

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us*

Minister and People

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 those

who 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. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Prayer 4

Celebrant: O Lord, arise, help us;

People: *And deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

Celebrant: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.

People: *O Lord, arise, help us; And deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

People: *O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.*

Celebrant: From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

People: *Graciously look upon our afflictions.*

Celebrant: With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

People: *Mercifully forgive the sins of Your people.*

Celebrant: Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

People: *O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: Both now and ever condescend to hear us, O Christ.

People: *Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

Enter into a time of open prayers of intercession and personal and global repentance.

Closing Prayer pt 1

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father,
mercifully to look upon our infirmities;
and, for the glory of thy Name,
turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved;
and grant that in all our troubles we may
put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy,
and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living,
to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing prayer pt 2

Celebrant: O God, merciful Father,
who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart,
nor the desire of such as are sorrowful;
Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee
in all our troubles and adversities, whenever they oppress us;
and graciously hear us, that those evils
which are crafted by the subtlety of the devil or by man do indeed work against us,
may, by thy good providence, be brought to nothing;
that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions,
may evermore give thanks unto thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy for Palm Sunday

Four Winds Mission

Call to Worship

Celebrant: Grace and peace to you from God.

People: God fill you with truth and joy.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the church throughout the world. Christ entered Jerusalem this day in triumph, a triumph that led through suffering and death to resurrection and new life. In faith and love may we follow this messiah, the humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.

Let us pray.

All: God of our salvation, help us to enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts by which you have given us fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

All: It is right to praise you, Sovereign God, for the acts of love by which you have set us free. On this day Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly to suffer and to die and was greeted with branches of palm. Let these branches be for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. May we who carry them follow Christ in the way of the cross which leads to life; through Christ who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Come let us worship the Lord.

People: Let us worship the Lord with all of our hearts.

The Eucharistic Service for Palm Sunday

Four Winds Mission

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Sovereign Lord, loving Father and friend, You deserve our worship, our love and our devotion, Because You have entered our broken world, You have joined us on our journey of pain and pleasure, of sorrow and joy, And have given us access to life eternal and abundant.

People: We lift our voices to praise You, O God.

Celebrant: We celebrate Your coming to us, Not with political power or military might, Not with glamour or fame or wealth, But in humility and love, gently and with great compassion.

People: We lift our voices to praise You, O God.

Confession

Celebrant: Merciful God hear the confession of your people.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, We recognize that Your life among us was one of sacrifice, That You came to confront the hatred, fear, violence and evil in us. That You seek to throw over the tables of greed and injustice in us. Forgive us when we resist Your coming.

Celebrant: As you came in triumph into Jerusalem and were hailed as King

People: We hail you Lord Christ.

Celebrant: As you willingly gave your life as the one true sacrifice

People: We worship you Lord Christ.

All: Have mercy on us, O God, Do not cease to come to us and to call us to life. Help us to embrace the way of the cross And to live in the power of Your death-defying love. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Here then the good news: those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed, and the new has come (sign of the cross may be given.) May He strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Corporate Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: Let us open the gates of our hearts

People: **That the Sovereign God of Glory may come in**

Celebrant: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving

People: **God deserves all honour and blessing. It is our privilege and joy to exalt the Lord in every place and every moment.**

Celebrant: And so, Dear God, we offer You our worship through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who comes to us humbly and riding on a donkey's foal.

Silent Reflection

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His death, shared a meal with His followers. Taking the bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and offered it to them with these words:

People: **This is My body broken for you. Remember Me whenever you eat.**

Celebrant: After the meal, taking the cup of wine, He gave thanks, and offered it to them with these words:

People: **This is My blood poured out for you, Remember Me whenever you drink.**

Celebrant: And so in this great sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come in glory.

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Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son by faith in our hearts and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.

Eucharistic Blessing

Celebrant: Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who have received these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who are not heard. In union with your whole church we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**All: Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction

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May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May he lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.
May the strength of God go with you;
May the wisdom of God instruct you,
May the hand of God protect you,
May the word of God direct you.
May you be sealed in Christ this day and for evermore.
Amen

From Numbers 6 and St. Patrick.

Liturgy for Good Friday

Four Winds Anglican Mission

Pre Eucharist Declaration

Celebrant: As if it were not enough, Almighty God, Creator of the universe, that You should, through the power of Your Word, call into being all that is known and all that remains to be discovered: As if that were not enough, You continue to hold the majesty of the heavens in the hollow of Your hand.

People: And we, creatures made of clay, hold ourselves as sovereign – believing ourselves to be the centre of the universe greater than the God who created all things.

Celebrant: As if it were not enough, Almighty God, that in the fullness of time you called into being the world to shimmer and to delight; As if that were not enough, You peopled it with creatures made in Your own image and likeness, creating an oasis of life in the vastness of space.

People: And we, the creatures made in Your image, Your likeness, treat the gift of life with arrogance – holding ourselves as overlords of creation rather than stewards entrusted with our Master’s treasure.

Celebrant: As if it were not enough, Almighty and Loving God, that You should create men and women; As if that were not enough, You chose to reveal - generation by generation, to wanderers in deserts and inhabitants of ancient cities, that you are the sovereign God and creator of all things.

People: And we, heirs to the great Story are forgetful and dismissive of our heritage.

Celebrant: As if it were not enough, Almighty and Loving God, that You revealed the promise of eternal life and entered into covenant with Your Chosen People. As if that were not enough, when the hearts of humanity were hard and rebellious, You sent Your Son, the Only-Begotten, to enter our history and to redeem it.

People: And we, the people who know of Your great covenant still harden our hearts against You. We place the cross – the sign of Your great sacrifice of love-before our eyes but we do not see it – we refuse to recognize it’s significance.

Celebrant: As if it were not enough, Almighty and Loving Father, that through the Death and resurrection of Your dear Son, our Beloved, all creation should be redeemed; As if

that were not enough, You sent Your Holy Spirit to live in and among us that we might be your messengers and ambassadors in the world sharing the Good News of the redemption of all things.

People: And we, the people of Your Church are afraid to bear witness to what we know. We are timid and fearful – We hide the gifts so freely given – We refuse to be Your voice in the world.

Celebrant: As if it were not enough, Almighty and Loving God, that You should, through the power of Your Word, call into being all that is known and all that remains to be discovered; As if that were not enough, You continue to hold all things in the hollow of Your hand. No universe, no atom exists without Your knowing; but Your greatest love and tenderest care are bestowed upon the frailest of Your creatures. In Your mighty work of creation You never lose sight of the least of your children: those sick in mind and in body; those oppressed and downtrodden; those who are hungry, naked and cold; those who struggle and those who despair; those who suffer and those who die alone, uncomforted. You who hold the stars in being, hold these children closest to Your heart.

People: And we, Your people, do not see in these little ones The image of Your Son. We say words – but do not transform our lives. We offer sympathy – but do not transform the lives of our brothers and sisters, co-heirs of the great story of salvation

Confession

Celebrant: Most gracious and Holy Father we come to your table broken. We come to your table without merit and without right save for the sacrifice of Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Celebrant and People say together)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done and what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we will be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with You, our God.
Amen.**

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The Words of Institution

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take; eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Eucharistic Prayer

All: Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, wash me
Spirit of Christ, sanctify me..
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Keep me always in Your presence.

From the evil one defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to you,
That with all the saints,
I may praise You
Forever and ever.
Amen.

Celebrant: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

People: Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."
When he had said this, he breathed his last.

(Priest to blow out candle)

Celebrant: The world awaits O Jesus. Oh Jesus that Thou may live.

People: Oh Jesus that Thou may live. Amen.

Liturgy for Easter Sunday

Four Winds Mission

Opening Prayer and Call to Worship

(this requires two celebrants)

Celebrant: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us a little child one of us,
flesh and blood to share in our humanity

Celebrant 2: For God so loved the world

People: That all might have eternal life

Celebrant: Blest are you, Lord Christ who came to us as carpenter
and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned

Celebrant 2: For God so loved the world

People: That all might have eternal life

Celebrant: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as fisherman
and yet pointed to a harvest that was yet to come

Celebrant 2: For God so loved the world

People: That all might have eternal life

Celebrant: Blest are you, Lord Christ who came to us as teacher
and opened eyes to truths that only the poor could understand

Celebrant 2: For God so loved the world

People: That all might have eternal life

Celebrant: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as healer
and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness

Celebrant 2: For God so loved the world

People: That all might have eternal life

Celebrant: Blest are you, Lord Christ who came to us as prophet, priest and king
and yet humbled himself to take our place upon the cross

Celebrant 2: For God so loved the world

People: That all might have eternal life

Celebrant: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as servant
and revealed to us the extent of his Father's love for human kind

Celebrant 2: For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

Celebrant: Blest are you, Lord Christ, who rose from the humiliation, disgrace and
shame of a sinner's death

to the triumph of a Savior's resurrection

Celebrant 2: For God so loved the world

People: That all might have eternal life

Celebrant: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
for our sake.

ALL: And through His death and resurrection we are redeemed. We worship you Lord Jesus with all our heart. We worship you Lord Christ with all our soul. We worship you Blessed redeemer with all our strength. We worship you our risen Savior and King of all glory. Hallelujah Christ is risen. Hallelujah Christ the Savior has set us free.

Celebrant: Come let us worship the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Celebrant: We are the body of Christ.

People: His Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Let us lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,

With earth, sea and sky,

People: We worship you.

Celebrant: With the angels and archangels who envelop us,

With all the saints before us and beside us, With brothers and sisters, east and west,
north and south, we worship you saying.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of truth and light, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Confession

Celebrant: Hear now the confession of your people.

All: O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you.

We confess that we have sinned. In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

**When we entomb Christ in the pages of history and seal the joy of the Spirit behind
the stone of our pride; In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us. When we search for
the living in places of death and manufacture death in places of life: In your mercy,
Lord, forgive us and heal us. When we dismiss the bearers of good news and are
loathe to touch the marks of truth: In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us. When
we turn our backs on the way of freedom opening through the sea of despair, and
trudge back to the bondage of the past leaving flowers on the grave of hope: In your
mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us. We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy; We
renounce evil; We claim your love; We choose to be made whole.**

The Words of Institution

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Blessed is our Savior Jesus, who, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, Brood over these bodily things, this bread and this wine. May they be for us in our hearts by faith your body and blood, Vibrant with life, Healing, renewing and making us whole. And burst forth in us with your life-giving power. that we might recognize your presence in each and every person who breaks bread and shares wine round this table. Open our graves, unbind our eyes, touch and heal all that has been buried in us, that we need not cling to our pain, but may go forth with power to release resurrection in the world.

Eucharistic Blessing

Celebrant: Raised to life with him, and united with each other, we have brought you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; we have feasted on your word and have been filled once again by the power of your Holy Spirit. We offer and present to you ourselves, our bodies, minds and spirits, to be a holy and continuous sacrifice to you.

**ALL: Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery
Your word the only voice we desire as it leads us to the place where you are. Your
presence is the company we crave as we walk this narrow road. Your fellowship is the
warmth we require to help us on our way May the truth of Easter The joy of Easter
And the blessings of Easter Be with us this day and all days
AMEN**

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May the hand of God protect you,
May the word of God direct you.
May you be sealed in Christ this day and for evermore.
Amen

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Liturgy for Pentecost

Four Winds Anglican Mission

Call To Worship

To be said after the procession of the cross thereby opening the time of worship and adoration in song before the Lord. There is no distinction between clergy and layperson for this portion of the liturgy.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant How manifold are the works of God! In wisdom he made all things.

People The earth is full of God's creatures, the ocean too is filled with life both great and small.

Celebrant All of these look to God to give them their food in due season. When God gives it - they gather it up and are filled with good things. When he hides his face, they are dismayed.

People When God sends forth his spirit they are created, his breath brings life to them all.

Celebrant I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

People I will praise my God all my days.

Celebrant May the Lord rejoice in his works.

People May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

ALL With many voices we praise You, O God. In different ways we serve You. As we assemble before you today we pray that you would send your Spirit upon us and that you would take our diversity and mold it into a common theme of thanksgiving. We pray that you would weave us and the gifts that we offer into a whole cloth of service that will blanket the world with your love, your true goodness and your glory through Jesus Christ, our Living Lord. Dwell, we pray, within our worship and within our hearts that we may bless you and bring everlasting praise to your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Come let us worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

The Eucharistic Service for Pentecost Four Winds Mission

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

People: He is.

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

People: He is.

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

People: He is.

Celebrant: This is our God:

People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: We are his people:

People: We are redeemed.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, Holy Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver.

All: Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love. Grant us the Spirit of Fear Of The Lord that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You. The Spirit of Piety that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others; The Spirit of Fortitude that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our sanctification; The Spirit of Knowledge that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness; The Spirit of Understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth; The Spirit of Counsel that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will, seeking first the Kingdom; Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom that we may aspire to the things that last forever; Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen.

Confession

Celebrant: As we prepare to come to your table and experience a moment of communion with you and the grace that we so desperately need we humbly invite You, Holy Spirit of God to cleanse us.

(Celebrant and People say together)

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself completely to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. Forgive, I pray, the times I have grieved You by unfaithfulness to grace. I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may not sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen

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In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Eucharistic Blessing

May be celebrated by layperson or clergy.

Celebrant: Breathe in us O Holy Spirit that our thoughts may all be holy; Act in us O Holy Spirit that our works, too, may be holy; Draw our hearts O Holy Spirit that we may love only what is holy; Strengthen us O Holy Spirit to defend what is holy; Guard us O Holy Spirit that we always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

Celebrant: All our problems:

People: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our difficulties:

People: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All the devils works:

People: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our hopes:

People: We set on the risen Christ

Celebrant: Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always.
People: Amen.

Benediction

Under Anglican and more specifically Rwandan canons the benediction is to be offered by a priest. In the absence of an ordained a priest (pastor) may assign an ordained deacon to pronounce the blessing over the people.

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May he lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.
May the strength of God go with you;
May the wisdom of God instruct you,
May the hand of God protect you,
May the word of God direct you.
May you be sealed in Christ this day and for evermore.
Amen

From Numbers 6 and St. Patrick.

Liturgy for Baptism

Four Winds Anglican Mission

Call To Worship

To be said after the procession of the cross thereby opening the time of worship and adoration in song before the Lord. There is no distinction between clergy and layperson for this portion of the liturgy.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us worship the Lord with all our hearts.

BAPTISMAL PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

Sponsor: I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest to Candidate: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Priest to Parents

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents: I will, with God's help.

Priest to Baptismal Candidates

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

To be celebrated at the baptismal location. The Priest blesses the water, first saying:
The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest: touches the water

(this can only be performed by a bishop or priest . This is the same principle as the words of institution for Holy Communion)

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to priest who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

_____ I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then the Priest, making the sign of the cross and saying to each one

_____ you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER OVER THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.