

# THE CALENDAR OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

As Adopted by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

## ADVENT

Season of Expectancy

1st Sunday in Advent  
2nd Sunday in Advent  
Universal Bible Sunday  
3rd Sunday in Advent  
4th Sunday in Advent  
(Sunday before Christmas)

1965

November 29  
December 6  
December 13  
December 20  
December 27

## ORDERS FOR WORSHIP

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## EPIPHANY

1st Sunday after Epiphany  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany  
Missionary Day  
Church & Ecumenical Life Week  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Youth Week  
3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
4th Sunday after Epiphany  
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple  
5th Sunday after Epiphany  
Race Relations Sunday  
6th Sunday after Epiphany  
Universal Day of Prayer for Ecumenical  
Brotherhood Week

1966

January 8  
January 9  
January 16  
January 16 to 23  
January 23 to 29  
January 30 to February 5  
January 31  
January 31  
February 1  
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February 16 to 23

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2nd Sunday in Advent	December 5
Universal Bible Sunday	December 12
3rd Sunday in Advent	December 12
4th Sunday in Advent (Sunday before Christmas)	December 19

## CHRISTMASTIDE

Season of the Nativity

CHRISTMAS: The Birth of our Lord	<u>1965</u> December 25
Sunday after Christmas	December 26
New Year's Eve (Watch Night)	December 31

Festival of the Christening	<u>1966</u> January 1
Second Sunday in Christmastide	January 2
Twelfth Night: Epiphany Eve	January 5
Universal Week of Prayer	January 2 to 9

## EPIPHANY

Season of the Evangel

EPIPHANY	<u>1966</u> January 6
1st Sunday after Epiphany	January 9
2nd Sunday after Epiphany	January 16
Missionary Day	January 16 to 23
Church & Economic Life Week	January 18 to 25
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	January 30 to February 6
Youth Week	January 23
3rd Sunday after Epiphany	January 30
4th Sunday after Epiphany	February 2
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple	February 6
5th Sunday after Epiphany	February 13
Race Relations Sunday	February 13
6th Sunday after Epiphany	February 20
Universal Day of Prayer for Students	February 20 to 27
Brotherhood Week	February 20 to 27

7th Sunday after Epiphany	February 20
The Transfiguration (also Aug. 6)	February 20
8th Sunday after Epiphany	
9th Sunday after Epiphany	

**LENT**  
Season of Renewal

<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<u>1966</u>
World Day of Prayer	February 23
1st Sunday in Lent	February 25
2nd Sunday in Lent	February 27
3rd Sunday in Lent	March 6
4th Sunday in Lent	March 13
The Annunciation	March 20
Passion Sunday	March 25
Holy Week	March 27
Palm Sunday	April 3 to 9
Maundy Thursday	April 3
Good Friday	April 7
Easter Eve	April 8
	April 9

**EASTERTIDE**  
Season of the Resurrection

<b>EASTER</b>	<u>1966</u>
1st Sunday after Easter	April 10
2nd Sunday after Easter	April 17
National Christian College Day	April 24
3rd Sunday after Easter	April 24
4th Sunday after Easter	May 1
May Fellowship Day	May 8
Rural Life Sunday	May 6
(Rogation Sunday 5th after Easter)	May 15
Youth Sunday (One of the Sundays after Easter)	
National Family Week	May 1 to 8
Festival of the Christian Home (Mother's Day)	May 8
Ascension Day	May 19
Sunday after Ascension Day	May 22
Memorial Day	May 30

## WHITSUNTIDE

Season of the Holy Spirit and of the Birth and  
Expansion of the Christian Church

	<u>1966</u>
WHITSUNDAY (Pentecost)	May 29
Birth of the Christian Church	
Christian Unity Sunday	
Trinity Sunday	June 5
2nd Sunday after Pentecost	June 12
Children's Sunday	June 12
3rd Sunday after Pentecost	June 19
4th Sunday after Pentecost	June 26
Nature Sunday	June 26
5th Sunday after Pentecost	July 3
Independence Sunday	July 3
Independence Day	July 4
6th Sunday after Pentecost	July 10
7th Sunday after Pentecost	July 17
8th Sunday after Pentecost	July 24
9th Sunday after Pentecost	July 31
The Transfiguration (also last Sunday in Epiphany)	August 6
10th Sunday after Pentecost	August 7
11th Sunday after Pentecost	August 14
12th Sunday after Pentecost	August 21
13th Sunday after Pentecost	(See King
14th Sunday after Pentecost	domtide)

## KINGDOMTIDE

Season of the Kingdom of God on Earth

	<u>1966</u>
Festival of Christ the King	August 28
11th Sunday after Pentecost	(See Whit-
12th Sunday after Pentecost	suntide)
Labor Sunday	September 4
Labor Day	September 5
13th Sunday after Pentecost	August 28
14th Sunday after Pentecost	September 4
15th Sunday after Pentecost	September 11
16th Sunday after Pentecost	September 18
17th Sunday after Pentecost	September 25
18th Sunday after Pentecost	October 2
19th Sunday after Pentecost	October 9
Christian Education Week	September 25 to October 1
20th Sunday after Pentecost	October 16



## IONA MORNING SERVICE

Leader: Except the Lord build this House  
 Assembly: THEY LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT.  
 L: Except the Lord keep our cities  
 A: THE WATCHMAN WAKETH BUT IN VAIN.  
 L: O God, make speed to save us  
 A: O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP US.  
 L: Praise ye the Lord  
 A: THE LORD'S NAME BE PRAISED.

Psalms of the DayPrayer of Confession

L: Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us  
 A: JESUS CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
 L: Thou that sittest at the right hand of God  
 A: HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
 L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
 A: JESUS CHRIST, SON OF THE LIVING GOD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
 L: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings...

Silence

L: I confess to God Almighty, and in the sight of the whole company of Heaven, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word and deed, through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault, wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy upon me.  
 A: MAY THE ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL LORD GRANT UNTO YOU PARDON, ABSOLUTION AND REMISSION OF ALL YOUR SINS, TIME FOR AMENDMENT OF LIFE AND THE COMFORT OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN,  
 A: WE CONFESS TO GOD ALMIGHTY, AND IN THE SIGHT OF THE WHOLE COMPANY OF HEAVEN, THAT WE HAVE SINNED EXCEEDINGLY, IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED, THROUGH OUR FAULT, OUR OWN FAULT, OUR OWN MOST GRIEVOUS FAULT, WHEREFORE WE PRAY GOD ALMIGHTY TO HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
 L: May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto you pardon, absolution, and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life and the comfort of His Holy Spirit.  
 A: AMEN.

L: Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us..  
 A: THAT THY PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN THEE?  
 L: Make me a clean heart, O God  
 A: AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.  
 L: O give me the comfort of Thy help again  
 A: AND ESTABLISH ME WITH THY FREE SPIRIT.

Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

Hymn

Intercession

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
 A: AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL  
 BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

Psalm of the Day

Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

Hymn

Prayer

L: A voice is crying in the desert, "Prepare the way  
 of the Lord."  
 A: MAKE HIS PATH STRAIGHT."  
 L: God, our Father, you wished neither sacrifices nor  
 offerings, but sent to us your well-beloved Son to  
 reconcile to himself all things in heaven and on  
 earth, making peace by the blood of the cross.  
 A: BEHOLD GOD WHO COMES TO SAVE ME,  
 L: God, the God, Saviour of the world, you know our  
 flesh and blood, for in all things except sin you were  
 like your brothers.  
 A: BEHOLD GOD WHO COMES TO SAVE ME,  
 L: God, the Holy Spirit, you descended upon Christ  
 and all the fullness of God lived within him.  
 A: BEHOLD GOD WHO COMES TO SAVE ME,  
 L: From the sin of idolatry, from lust-weakness and  
 dryness of heart, from indifference to your  
 humiliations and sufferings.  
 A: PRESERVE US, O LORD,  
 L: That your righteousness may make us love human life; that  
 your rejection from us may make us always remember

TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

Introduction

- Leader: Go up into a high mountain to declare the good news.  
Assembly: LIFT UP YOUR VOICE WITH THE JOYFUL MESSAGE.  
L: Lift your voice without fear and say: Behold your  
God,  
A: HERE IS THE LORD WHO COMES WITH POWER:  
L: As a shepherd who feeds his sheep,  
A: HE GATHERS THE LAMBS INTO HIS ARMS.  
  
L: Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name  
of the Lord,  
A: BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM! AMEN.

Psalms of the Day

Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

Hymn

Prayer

- L: A voice is crying in the desert, "Prepare the way  
of the Lord.  
A: MAKE HIS PATH STRAIGHT."  
  
L: God, our Father, you wished neither sacrifices nor  
offerings, but sent to us your well-beloved Son to  
reconcile to himself all things in heaven and on  
earth, making peace by the blood of the cross.  
A: BEHOLD GOD WHO COMES TO SAVE ME.  
L: God, the Son, Saviour of the world, you know our  
flesh and blood, for in all things except sin you were  
like your brothers.  
A: BEHOLD GOD WHO COMES TO SAVE ME.  
L: God, the Holy Spirit, you descended upon Christ  
and all the fullness of God lived within him.  
A: BEHOLD GOD WHO COMES TO SAVE ME.  
  
L: From the sin of disbelief, from luke-warmness and  
dryness of heart, from indifference to your  
humiliations and sufferings,  
A: PRESERVE US, O LORD.  
L: That your birth may make us love human life; that  
your rejection here may make us always remember

- L: that we are strangers upon the earth,  
A: GRANT IT, O LORD.  
L: That your perfect insight into the Holy Scriptures  
may enlighten us in the Word of Truth: that your  
meekness may form our hearts in obedience,  
A: GRANT IT O LORD.  
L: That your faithfulness to your work will make each  
of us faithful in his vocation; that the humility of  
your hidden life may help us to live in humility,  
A: GRANT IT O LORD.
- L: The Lord be with you.  
A: AND WITH YOU.  
L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free)
- L: Lord God, our Father, it is by your wisdom that we  
were created and by your providence that we are led;  
in your goodness, fill our hearts this morning with  
your light, that we may always be loyal to you, by  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- L: O Christ, remember us in your Kingdom.  
A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY,  
OUR FATHER...AMEN.

Benediction

- L: Let us bless the Lord.  
A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.
- L: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in the  
faith, that we may abound in hope by the power of  
the Holy Spirit.  
A: AMEN.

TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

Introduction

- Leader: Sound the trumpet, make it known on the holy mountain,  
Assembly: THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND.  
L: Every valley shall be filled  
A: AND EVERY MOUNTAIN BROUGHT LOW  
L: That the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
A: AND ALL CREATION MAY ADORE IT.
- L: Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!  
A: BLESSED IS THE KINGDOM WHICH COMES! AMEN.

Psalms of the Day

Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

Hymn

Prayer

- L: A voice is crying in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord.  
A: MAKE HIS PATH STRAIGHT.
- L: O God who has created all things by your Word, sovereign monarch of the universe, mighty in holiness, grace and truth,  
A: LORD, COME QUICKLY!  
L: O God, who has manifested your kingdom in the world and in the person of your Son, Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of Lords, who came not to be served but to serve,  
A: LORD, COME QUICKLY!  
L: O God, who acts at all times in the world by the creating power of your Holy Spirit to make all things new,  
A: LORD, COME QUICKLY!

L: We give thanks to you, O God, for the revelation of your power in the creation of the universe and of your providence in the life of the world; for man made in your image that he might rule and reign in your name over the other creatures,

A: WE BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME.

L: For the victory of light over darkness and of truth over error, for the knowledge of your prophetic word which has liberated us from despair and fear, for the growth of your kingdom of justice and peace, holiness and love,

A: WE BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME.

L: For the revelation of your kingdom among us by your son Jesus Christ, who came upon earth to manifest and accomplish your will; for his humble birth and his holy life, for his sayings and his mighty acts, for his sufferings and his death, for his entrance into his kingdom by his triumphant resurrection and ascension,

A: WE BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME.

L: For the foundation of the Church universal and its expansion to the ends of the earth, for the coming of your reign within us by the working of the Holy Spirit, and for the advent of your Kingdom at the end of time when you will be all in all,

A: WE BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME!

L: The Lord be with you.

A: AND WITH YOU.

L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free Prayer)

L: Lord, confirm in us the truth of the mysteries of the faith, that we may know again in the Child which Mary conceived the Saviour, true God and true man; make us to find in his resurrection the power which liberates us and eternal joy in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

A: AMEN.

L: O Christ, remember us in your Kingdom;

A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY, OUR FATHER...AMEN.

### Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

L: May peace be given to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A: AMEN.

## TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

## Introduction

- Leader: God reigns, clothed in majesty,  
the Lord is clothed with power.
- Assembly: HE HAS GIRDED HIMSELF WITH STRENGTH.
- L: You established the universe and ruled  
it from the beginning.
- A: FROM EVER LASTING YOU ARE THE LORD.
- L: The earth has yielded its fruit.
- A: GOD, OUR GOD, BLESSES US.
- L: All the kings will bow down before you,
- A: ALL THE NATIONS WILL SERVE YOU.
- L: All people will come to worship you
- A: O MASTER, THEY WILL GIVE GLORY TO YOUR NAME.
- L: For you are great and you do wonderful things.
- A: YOU, GOD, AND YOU ALONE.
- L: Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, Alleluia.
- A: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION  
OF OUR GOD, ALLELUIA.

## Psalms of the Day

## Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

## Hymn

## Prayer

- L: Eternal God, just and merciful, who wishes only that  
all men shall be saved and shall come to the knowledge  
of truth, we bless you and give thanks to you. You have  
given your only Son to the world. You have manifested  
his glory not only to a chosen people, but also to those  
nations who knew you not,
- A: LET HEAVEN AND EARTH REJOICE!
- L: You have sent him to announce good news to the hopeless,  
liberty to the prisoners, and to proclaim his Time of  
grace, of pardon and of peace.
- A: LET HEAVEN AND EARTH REJOICE!

L: You have led to him the wise men of the people by the brightness of a star, that they might offer with their gifts their worship and their adoration.

A: LET HEAVEN AND EARTH REJOICE!

L: You call all men from the shadows to your glorious light, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, those in heaven, upon earth and in hell.

A: LET HEAVEN AND EARTH REJOICE!

L: Inspired by your grace, and guided by your Gospel, we will offer to your Son the treasures of our faith, of our hope and of our love, and the promise of a faithful life. May those who have not known you see our love and offer themselves to you.

A: LET HEAVEN AND EARTH REJOICE!

L: Bring us one day with all the nations and people of the earth into your heavenly city. There you will be all in all. There the Star of Morning, the Saviour of the world, will shine forever.

A: LET HEAVEN AND EARTH REJOICE!

L: The Lord be with you.

A: AND WITH YOU.

L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free Prayer)

L: Enlighten your people, O Christ, with the glorious light of your Epiphany, cheer us with the joyful morning of your glory, give us joy at the great Day of your coming again, and make us worthy to sing your praises with all the powers of heaven. You are the light of Light, O Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: AMEN.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom.

A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY: OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

L: May the Lord bless and keep us, may the Lord make his face shine upon us and give us his grace, may the Lord give us his peace.

A: AMEN.

## TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

## Introduction

- Leader: Lord, open my lips,  
 Assembly: AND MY MOUTH WILL PRAISE YOU.  
 L: O God, come to help me.  
 A: LORD, RESCUE ME.
- L: By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,  
 when we remembered Zion.  
 A: ON THE POPLARS WHICH GREW THERE WE HUNG OUR HARPS.  
 L: It was there that our jailors asked us for songs,  
 our oppressors asked us for signs of joy.  
 A: "SING US A SONG OF ZION" THEY SAID.  
 L: But how could we sing the song of the Lord in a strange land?  
 A: IF I FORGET YOU, JERUSALEM, LET MY RIGHT HAND WITHER  
 L: And let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I forget you,  
 A: IF I DO NOT SET YOU, JERUSALEM, ABOVE MY HIGHEST JOY.
- L: You are worthy, our Lord and our God, to receive glory,  
 honor and power.  
 A: FOR IT IS YOU WHO HAS CREATED THE UNIVERSE, AND BY  
 YOUR WILL IT WAS AND IS CREATED.

## Psalms of the Day

## Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

## Hymn

## Prayer

- L: Lord, from age to age you have been our refuge.  
 A: ALWAYS YOU ARE GOD.
- L: We beseech you, Father of mercy and God of all consolation,  
 renew our adoration and our faithfulness.  
 A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.  
 L: We open ourselves to your Word and to your holy will;  
 give light to our hearts that we may know and serve you.  
 A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.  
 L: We beseech you, give us the strength to accomplish our tasks,  
 and do not remember the sins we have committed and those  
 we continue to commit.  
 A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.

- L: Forget the faults of which we are guilty, and do not count our omissions,
- A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.
- L: Remember, Lord, that we fall easily; your men are weak and devious in their ways.
- A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.
- L: Help us to conform to the truth of the Faith, to be obedient to the preaching of the Apostles, and to the gospel of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.
- L: Keep us faithful, not only in our words but in all our actions throughout life.
- A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.
- L: Help us to look for and find and enter into Jesus Christ, the joy of heaven,
- A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.
- L: So by your grace we may give glory to your power and to your holiness, for you are worthy of all praise.
- A: SAVE US BY YOUR LOVE.

Canticle (from one of the three on following page)

- L: The Lord be with you.
- A: AND WITH YOU.
- L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent or Free Prayer)
- L: Lord, help Christians to find again a visible unity.
- A: MAY THEY BE ONE. THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BELIEVE.
- L: O Christ, Son of God, Redeemer of the World, who fills our hearts with knowledge and has created us to celebrate the mysteries in which angels long to join: free us from the power of evil, that we may live before you with discernment and compassion and come at last into that blessed life where there are neither sufferings nor lamentations, where you live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
- A: AMEN.
- L: O Christ, remember us in your Kingdom.
- A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY,  
OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

Benediction

- L: Let us bless the Lord.
- A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.
- L: May the Lord bless us, who has made heaven and earth.
- A: AMEN.

## Hymn of the Colossians

- Assembly 1: Christ is the image of the Invisible God  
 Assembly 2: THE FIRST-BORN OF ALL CREATION,  
 A 1: For in him all things were created  
 A 2: IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH  
 A 1: Visible and invisible,  
 A 2: THRONES AND DOMINIONS, PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS.
- A 1: All things were created by him and for him,  
 A 2: HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS AND IN HIM ALL THINGS EXIST.  
 A 1: He is the head of the Body.  
 A 2: HE IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.
- A 1: He is the source, the first-born from among the dead,  
 A 2: THAT HE MIGHT BE THE PRE-EMINENT.  
 A 1: For in him all the fullness of God dwells  
 A 2: THAT HE MIGHT RECONCILE ALL THINGS TO GOD IN HIMSELF,  
 A 1: Whether on earth or in heaven,  
 A 2: MAKING PEACE BY THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.
- A: PRAISE THE FATHER, THE SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,  
 BOTH NOW AND FOR EVER, WORLD WITHOUT END.

## Hymn of Mary

- A 1: My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God,  
 my Saviour.  
 A 2: HE LOOKS ON HIS SERVANT IN HER NOTHINGNESS;  
 HENCEFORTH ALL AGES WILL CALL ME BLESSED.
- A 1: The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!  
 A 2: HIS MERCY IS FROM AGE TO AGE, ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.
- A 1: He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-  
 hearted.  
 A 2: HE CASTS THE MIGHTY FROM THEIR THRONES AND RAISES  
 THE LOWLY.
- A 1: He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away  
 empty.  
 A 2: HE PROTECTS ISRAEL, HIS SERVANT, REMEMBERING HIS  
 MERCY,

## Hymn of Mary

A 1: The mercy promised to our fathers, for Abraham and his sons for ever.

A: PRAISE THE FATHER, THE SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,  
BOTH NOW AND FOR EVER, WORLD WITHOUT END.

## Hymn of Zachariah

A 1: Praise to the God of Israel! For he has turned to his people, saved them and set them free,

A 2: AND HAS RAISED UP A DELIVERER OF VICTORIOUS POWER FROM THE HOUSE OF HIS SERVANT DAVID.

A 1: So he promised: age after age he proclaimed by the lips of his holy prophets,

A 2: THAT HE WOULD DELIVER US FROM OUR ENEMIES, OUT OF THE HANDS OF ALL WHO HATE US;

A 1: That he would deal mercifully with our fathers, calling to mind his solemn covenant.

A 2: SUCH WAS THE OATH HE SWORE TO OUR FATHER ABRAHAM, TO RESCUE US FROM ENEMY HANDS,

A 1: And grant us, free from fear, to worship him, with a holy worship, with uprightness of heart, in his presence, our whole life long.

A 2: AND YOU, MY CHILD, YOU SHALL BE CALLED PROPHET OF THE HIGHEST, FOR YOU WILL BE THE LORD'S FORE-RUNNER, TO PREPARE HIS WAY

A 1: And lead his people to salvation through knowledge of him, by the forgiveness of their sins:

A 2: FOR IN THE TENDER COMPASSION OF OUR GOD THE MORNING SUN FROM HEAVEN WILL RISE UPON US,

A 1: To shine on those who live in darkness, under the cloud of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

A: PRAISE THE FATHER, THE SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,  
BOTH NOW AND FOR EVER, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

## TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

## Introduction

- Leader: Turn again to the Lord, for he is merciful;  
 Assembly: OUR GOD IS GENEROUS IN FORGIVENESS.  
 L: Now is the acceptable time,  
 A: NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.
- L: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; hear my voice!  
 A: LET YOUR EARS HEAR WELL THE CRY OF MY PRAYER.
- L: If you should keep account of our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
 A: BUT WITH YOU WE FIND FORGIVENESS, IN FEAR AND IN HOPE.
- L: My soul waits for the Lord, I am sure of his Word.  
 A: MY SOUL LONGS FOR THE LORD, MORE THAN THE WATCHMAN FOR MORNING.
- L: For with the Lord there is mercy and the fullness of redemption.  
 A: HE WILL REDEEM ISRAEL IN ALL HER SIN.
- L: To him who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb,  
 A: PRAISE, HONOR, GLORY AND MIGHT UNTO EVERLASTING AGES. AMEN.

## Psalms of the Day

## Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

## Hymn

## Prayer

- L: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;  
 A: HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
 L: God the Son, Redeemer of the world;  
 A: HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
 L: God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;  
 A: HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
 L: Holy Trinity, One God;  
 A: HAVE MERCY UPON US.

- L: From blindness of heart, from pride, arrogance and hypocrisy; from envy, hate and the absence of love,
- A: LORD DELIVER US.
- L: From lightning and storms, from earthquakes, fire and floods, from epidemics and famine and from war and sudden death.
- A: LORD, DELIVER US.
- L: From violence, injustice and oppression; from error and schism, from hardness of heart and contempt of your Word,
- A: LORD, DELIVER US.
- L: By the mystery of your incarnation and your humble birth; by your baptism, fasting and temptations,
- A: LORD, REDEEM US.
- L: By your suffering, by your cross and passion, by your death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,
- A: LORD, REDEEM US.
- L: In times of disaster, and in times of prosperity, at the hour of death and in the day of judgment,
- A: LORD, REDEEM US.
- L: We sinners do beseech you to hear us, Lord God: lead your universal Church in the right way.
- A: GRANT IT, O LORD.
- L: That you would inspire your ministers and faithful people with true knowledge of your Word; that in their preaching and in their lives they may proclaim it faithfully.
- A: GRANT IT, O LORD.
- L: That you would give wisdom and intelligence to the authorities in government, and that you would guide all judges into the exercise of justice and the defense of truth,
- A: GRANT IT, O LORD.
- Canticle (from one of the three on preceding pages)
- L: The Lord be with you.
- A: AND WITH YOU.
- L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free Prayer)
- L: Merciful Father, look upon our weakness, and by your love turn us from the evils we have deserved; and grant that we may put all our trust in your mercy and that we may serve you in purity of heart, through our only Mediator, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- A: AMEN.

L: O Christ remember us in your Kingdom.  
A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY: OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

### Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord,  
A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

L: May peace be given to the brothers, and love with faith, from  
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
A: AMEN.

## TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

## Introduction

Leader: Turn again to the Lord, for he is merciful.

Assembly: OUR GOD IS GENEROUS IN FORGIVENESS.

L: Now is the acceptable time.

A: NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.

L: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

A: THAT I MAY WALK IN YOUR TRUTH.

L: Strengthen my heart that it may fear you,

A: FOR YOU HELP AND CONSOLE ME, LORD.

L: I will give thanks to you, O God my master,

A: WITH ALL MY HEART I GLORIFY YOU FOREVER.

L: For your love for me is very great.

A: YOU SAVED ME FROM THE DARKNESS OF HELL.

L: To him who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb,

A: PRAISE, HONOR, GLORY AND MIGHT UNTO EVERLASTING  
AGES. AMEN.

## Psalms of the Day

## Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

## Hymn

## Prayer

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of Christ militant upon  
the earth.

A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.

L: Almighty and Immortal God, you commanded us by your  
apostles to make prayer and supplications for all men;  
accept the prayers we offer you, our merciful King.

A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.

L: We pray that you inspire ceaselessly your universal  
Church with the spirit of truth, unity and peace.

A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.

L: That all who confess your holy name may agree in the  
truth of your Word and live in unity and in the love of God.

A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.

## TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

- L: We beseech you to rule the hearts of those who govern that they may lead us in peace according to your will: help them to seek after justice that oppression and disorder may be banished.
- A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.
- L: Give grace to all ministers, that by their life and by their faith they show forth your Word of truth and of life, and that they administer your sacraments with fervor and joy.
- A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.
- L: And give grace to all your people gathered here before you, that we may listen and receive your Word with pureness of heart and true obedience, to serve you all the days of our life.
- A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.
- L: And we beseech you, good Lord, to console and help all those who live in trouble, sorrow, need or sickness.
- A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.
- L: We bless your holy name for all servants who have departed from life in faith and fear, and ask you to give us grace to follow their example so that we may have, with them, a part in your Kingdom.
- A: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE, O LORD.
- Canticle (from one of the three on preceding pages)
- L: The Lord be with you,  
A: AND WITH YOU.
- L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free Prayer)
- L: O God, who has brought us out of the shadows of night into the brightness of morning, and who by your Holy Spirit lightens the darkness of ignorance and sin; in your goodness fill our hearts with that light, that we may be inseparably bound to you, whose wisdom created us, whose love redeemed us, and whose providence guides us, by Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- A: AMEN.
- L: O Christ remember us in your Kingdom.  
A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY: OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.  
A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

L: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in the faith, that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
A: AMEN.

## TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

## Introduction

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Assembly: AND HIS LOVE IS ETERNAL, ALLELUIA!

L: In my anguish I cried out to the Lord.

A: HE HEARD ME AND SET ME FREE.

L: The Lord is with me and I am afraid no more.

A: WHAT CAN MAN DO TO ME?

L: God is my help in all things;

A: I HAVE CONQUERED THE ENEMY.

L: I know that my Redeemer is alive,

A: AND THAT AT THE LAST DAY HE WILL ARISE UPON THE EARTH.

L: He has gone as a Conqueror and for other victories.

A: GOD GAVE HIM A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME.

L: Henceforth victory, power and kingship belong to our God, alleluia!

A: AND DOMINION TO HIS CHRIST, ALLELUIA!

## Psalms of the Day

## Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

## Hymn

## Prayer

L: Lord, govern and guide your holy Church, dwell within it as its only shepherd, sovereign priest and Saviour; give spirit and power to your Word and increase in us knowledge of the mystery of your redemption.

A: GRANT IT, VICTORIOUS KING.

L: Care for the needs of your Church, banish every spirit of division and scandal, put far from your church false prophets and deceivers;

A: GRANT IT, VICTORIOUS KING.

L: Keep all bishops, pastors and ministers of your Church in obedience to the truth and in holiness of life.

A: GRANT IT, VICTORIOUS KING.

L: Shed forth your spirit upon all your servants; give us humility and grant that we submit to one another in your fear, that our fraternal love may be without hypocrisy.

A: GRANT IT, VICTORIOUS KING.

- L: For the love of the peace we have with you, keep us in peace with all men. Give us the power to bless those who curse us and to do good to those who hate us.
- A: GRANT IT, VICTORIOUS KING.
- L: O you who are the light and health of all nations, protect your witness in all parts of the world; feed with the fire of your spirit the witness which they make to their redemption by your blood.
- A: GRANT IT, VICTORIOUS KING.
- L: Open the eyes of your people Israel, that they may recognize in you the Messiah of their hope and that all the earth may be full of the knowledge of your glory.
- A: GRANT IT, VICTORIOUS KING.
- L: Keep us in communion with the Church as it struggles for perfection, and let us rest one day from our work, together, in your Kingdom.
- A: GRANT IT, VICTORIOUS KING.
- L: The Lord be with you.
- A: AND WITH YOU.
- L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free Prayer)
- L: Eternal and Almighty God, who has reconciled us to you by the death and the resurrection of your Son, and who has made with us an eternal covenant, give us the grace to do in our lives those things we speak with our lips, by Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- A: AMEN.
- L: O Christ remember us in your Kingdom.
- A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY: OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

### Benediction

- L: Let us bless the Lord.
- A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.
- L: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in the faith, that we may live in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- A: AMEN.

## TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

## Introduction

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
 Assembly: AND HIS LOVE IS ETERNAL, ALLELUIA!

L: I was pushed so hard that I was falling,

A: BUT THE LORD CAME TO MY AID.

L: The Lord is my strength and my song,

A: HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION.

L: There are cries of joy and salvation

A: IN THE TENTS OF THE JUST.

L: I will allow the victor to eat of the tree of life

A: PLACED IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

L: The victor has nothing to fear from second death.

A: TO THE VICTOR I SHALL GIVE THE HIDDEN MANNA.

L: Henceforth victory, power, and kingship belong to our  
 God, alleluia!

A: AND DOMINION TO HIS CHRIST, ALLELUIA!

## Psalms of the Day

## Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

## Hymn

## Prayer

L: Creator of the universe, protect those you have chosen,  
 by your dear Son, Jesus Christ.

A: WE BLESS YOU, LORD OF GLORY.

L: By him you called us out of the shadows and into light,  
 from ignorance into the knowledge of the glory of your  
 name.

A: WE BLESS YOU, LORD OF GLORY.

L: We put our trust in you, author of all creation;  
 you have opened our hearts that they might know you,  
 the Most High, the Holy One.

A: WE BLESS YOU, LORD OF GLORY.

L: You bring down the insolence of the proud, and thwart  
 the plans of the nations, you raise the humble and turn  
 away the powerful; you make men rich and you make men  
 poor, you give life and you take it away.

A: WE BLESS YOU, LORD OF GLORY.

- L: Protector of our spirits and God of all flesh, you search the depths and you survey the works of men, Helper in danger and Saviour of the hopeless.
- A: WE BLESS YOU, LORD OF GLORY.
- L: Almighty God, be our helper and defender: save the oppressed, have pity on the very little ones, lift up those who have fallen, show yourself to those who are in need, and heal the sick.
- A: GRANT IT, LORD OF GLORY.
- L: Bring back those who have lost their way, give food to the hungry, liberty to the prisoners; strengthen the feeble, and console the humiliated.
- A: GRANT IT, LORD OF GLORY.
- L: May all people recognize that you only are God, that Jesus Christ is your Son, and that we are your people and the sheep of your fold.
- A: GRANT IT, LORD OF GLORY.
- L: The Lord be with you.
- A: AND WITH YOU.
- L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free Prayer)
- L: O God, the universe celebrates and praises you as author of all creation; your creatures proclaim your power: receive the song of joy which we offer to you at this morning hour and renew in us your grace by Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
- A: AMEN.
- L: O Christ remember us in your Kingdom.
- A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY: OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

### Benediction

- L: Let us bless the Lord.
- A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.
- L: May peace be given to the brothers and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- A: AMEN.

TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

Introduction

Leader: Lord, open my lips,  
Assembly: AND MY MOUTH WILL PRAISE YOU.

L: O God, come to help me,  
A: LORD, RESCUE ME.

L: To you, Lord, I call  
A: MY ROCK, DO NOT BE DEAF;  
L: That before your stillness  
A: I LOSE MY WAY.

L: Hear the voice of my prayer  
A: WHEN I CALL UNTO YOU,  
L: When I lift up my hands, Lord,  
A: TO YOU MOST HOLY.

Psalms of the Day

Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

Hymn

Prayer

L: Fill us with your love in the morning,  
A: AND ALL THE DAY WE SHALL LIVE IN JOY AND PRAISE.

L: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us and keep us,  
O Lord, by your grace.  
A: LORD HAVE MERCY.

L: A day that is full, open, and peaceful, let us ask of the Lord.  
A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: The protection of our minds and our bodies, let us ask of the Lord.  
A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: The forgiveness of our sins, let us ask of the Lord.  
A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: All that is good and useful for our lives, and peace for the  
world, let us ask of the Lord.  
A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: The strength to lead our lives in peace and loyalty,  
let us ask of the Lord.

A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: A peaceful death without despair, and your Grace at the  
End, let us ask of the Lord.

A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: In the company of the faithful let us offer ourselves and  
each other and all our lives unto Christ our God.

A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: O God of goodness, compassion and love for all men,  
praise you father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A: AMEN.

L: The Lord be with you.

A: AND WITH YOU.

L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free Prayer)

L: We give thanks to you, Holy God, Eternal and Mighty, who  
has led us from the darkness of night into the light of  
morning, and ask of your goodness the strength to live this  
day in obedience and faithfulness, so that in the evening we  
may again give thanks to you, through your Son Jesus Christ,  
Our Lord.

A: AMEN.

L: O Christ remember us in your Kingdom

A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY: OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

A: We give thanks unto God.

L: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in the  
faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A: AMEN.

TAIZE MORNING OFFICE

Introduction

Leader: Blessed be our God forever, now and always and unto ages everlasting.

Assembly: AMEN.

L: Come let us worship and adore God our King.

A: COME LET US WORSHIP AND ADORE CHRIST, OUR KING.  
AND OUR GOD.

L: Come, let us worship and adore Christ in the midst of us, our King and our God.

A: HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL HAVE MERCY UPON US.

L: Sing unto the Lord a new song,  
For he has done marvelous things.

A: SALVATION COMES FROM HIS RIGHT HAND  
AND FROM HIS HOLY ARM.

L: The Lord has declared his salvation  
And his justice to men of all nations;

A: HE HAS REMEMBERED HIS LOVE AND TRUTH  
FOR THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

L: All the ends of the earth have seen  
The salvation of our God.

A: PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YE LANDS,  
BREAK FORTH IN SHOUTS OF JOY.

Psalms of the Day

Reading of the Word of God and Reflection

Hymn

Prayer

L: Christ loves us and has washed us with his blood.

A: HE HAS MADE OF US A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS UNTO GOD  
HIS FATHER.

L: Let us beseech our God in Christ.

For the peace of the world and for the faithfulness of the Churches of God, that we may live in justice and humility, let us pray to the Lord.

A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: For the ministers of the Church of God, bishops, pastors and deacons, for evangelists and missionaries, that the Lord may grant them health to accomplish their task and that

he will help them to lead lives consecrated to his service,  
let us pray to the Lord.

A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: For our enemies and for those who hate us or persecute us  
in the name of Christ, that the Lord will calm their hatred  
and dispel their anger against us and fill their hearts and  
ours with his love, let us pray to the Lord.

A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: For those who are hated, ignored or alone, tired, over-  
worked, discouraged; for the deprived and the friendless,  
for travellers in danger on land, on water or in the air:  
that the Lord may protect and keep in his love all those  
with no other hope but in him, let us pray to the Lord.

A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: For our absent brothers and for each other, that the Lord  
will keep us in his Grace to the End, that he will keep us  
from harm and from falling, and that he will gather us  
together in his Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

A: GRANT IT O LORD.

L: Remembering the witness of the martyrs for the faith and  
all those who have given their life for God, and in unity with  
all our brothers who are asleep in Christ and at rest from  
their work, we commend ourselves and each other to God,  
through the Living Christ.

A: AMEN.

L: The Lord be with you.

A: AND WITH YOU.

L: Let us pray again to the Lord. (Silent Prayer or Free Prayer)

L: Lord Jesus, who on the morning of your Passion offered  
yourself to the attacks and mockeries of your enemies:  
strengthen us with your love, we pray, that during this  
day we may find peace in the difficulties of living and in  
the oppositions of the world, and joy in all that praises you,  
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever.

A: AMEN.

L: O Christ, remember us in your Kingdom.

A: AND TEACH US TO PRAY... OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

### Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

A: WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

L: May peace be given to the brothers, and love with faith,  
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A: AMEN.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The Kiss of Peace

Celebrant: Peace be with you all.

Assembly: AND WITH YOU.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Assembly: AND WITH YOU.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: WE LIFT THEM UP UNTO THE LORD.

C: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

A: WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU AND WE WORSHIP YOU,  
FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.  
YOU ARE OUR GOD.

C: We glorify you,  
We bless you,  
We praise you,  
We give thanks to you,  
We adore you in all your creation.

For you are the God we cannot touch,  
The God we cannot comprehend,  
The God we cannot see,  
The God we cannot imagine;  
O God, who with your Son and Holy Spirit  
Are changeless and everlasting.

From nothing you created us;  
You raised us when we had fallen,  
You worked without ceasing  
To bring us back to heaven.  
And you have given us your Kingdom  
Which is to come.

For all these things,  
For those we know,  
For those we cannot know,  
We thank you  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Celebrant:** We stand before you  
Offering thanksgiving,  
And a great multitude  
Hides you from our sight;  
Angels and archangels,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Singing the triumphant song,  
Crying, calling aloud, and saying:

**A:** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD OF SABBOTH:  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY:  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST: BLESSED IS HE  
THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

**C:** And we also cry aloud  
With all the voices of heaven  
To you, Lord, lover of men,  
To you, and to your Son, and to your Holy Spirit.  
You are holy and glorious!  
You so loved this world  
You gave us your own Son,  
That believing in him  
We need not die,  
But might live forever.  
He finished his work on earth,  
And on the night he gave himself up  
For the life of the world.  
He took bread in his holy hands,  
By thanksgiving and blessing made it holy,  
And gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you,  
for the remission of sins.

**A:** AMEN.

**C:** And in like manner, after supper he took the  
cup, saying:

Drink you all of this: for this is my blood  
of the New Testament, which is shed for you,  
and for many, for the remission of sins.

**A:** AMEN.

**C:** Remembering this commandment,  
And all those things accomplished for us,

C: The Cross, the Grave, the Resurrection on the third day,  
The Ascension into heaven to sit upon the right hand,  
And the second and glorious coming

We offer to you  
On behalf of all men  
And of all creation  
Your gifts to all men.

We beseech you, we implore you,  
As we make our offering to you,  
To send the Holy Spirit upon us  
And upon these Gifts before you:  
And make this bread  
The precious Body of your Christ;  
And make this cup  
The precious Blood of your Christ;  
Transforming them by your Holy Spirit,  
That those who receive these Gifts  
May have boldness of faith,  
Forgiveness of their sins,  
And fellowship in your Holy Spirit.  
May they receive them,  
Not to their condemnation,  
But unto the fulfillment  
Of the Kingdom.

And we offer these gifts  
For all your servants  
Who have died before us in the faith;  
For our ancestors and fathers,  
For patriarchs and prophets,  
For apostles and preachers,  
For evangelists and martyrs,  
For confessors and teachers,  
And for every soul who has died in the faith;  
And for Mary most holy,  
Most pure and most glorious,  
The birth-giver of God:  
For John, the prophet,  
Fore-runner and baptist,  
The holy apostles,  
And all your saints  
Making intercession for us.

C: Remember those who sleep  
In the hope of Resurrection.  
May they rest in your Light.

And we beseech you, Lord,  
To remember all bishops,  
Who interpret your Word,  
All priests and deacons,  
And every order of clergy.

And we offer our prayer  
For the whole universe,  
For the Holy Church,  
Catholic and Apostolic;  
For those in authority  
Who govern and defend this land.

Grant us peace, O Lord,  
That we may live for you.

Remember, O Lord,  
This city and all cities,  
All countries and peoples.  
Remember O Lord,  
All sick and suffering persons,  
All prisoners and travellers.  
Remember, O Lord,  
Those who work in your Church  
And who love the poor,  
And give your grace to us all.

May we with one heart  
And with one voice  
Praise and glorify your name,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Now and forever.

A: AMEN

C: And make us brave, Lord,  
To call upon you saying:

A: OUR FATHER.....AMEN.

C: Peace be with you all.

A: AND WITH YOU.

C: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

A: AMEN.

C: The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER  
ACCORDING TO THE APOSTOLIC TRADITION OF HIPPOLYTUS

Celebrant: Peace be with you.

Assembly: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

C: The Lord be with you.

A: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

C: Life up your hearts.

A: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

A: IT IS MEET AND RIGHT.

We give thee thanks O God through thy beloved servant Jesus Christ through whom at the end of time thou didst send to us a saviour and redeemer and the messenger of thy counsel.

Who is thy Word, inseparable from thee; through whom thou didst make all things and in whom thou art well pleased. Whom thou didst send from heaven into the womb of the Virgin, and who, dwelling within her, was made flesh, and was manifested as thy Son being born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin. Who, fulfilling thy will, and winning for himself a holy people, spread out his hands when he came to suffer, that by his death he might set free them who believed in thee.

Who when he was betrayed to his willing death, that he might bring to nought death, and break the bonds of the devil, and tread hell underfoot, and give light to the righteous, and set up a boundary post, and

manifest his resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to thee he said: Take, eat: this is my Body which is broken for you. And also the cup likewise, saying: This is my Blood which is shed for you. As often as ye perform this, perform my memorial.

Having in memory, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer to thee the Bread and the Cup, yielding thee thanks, because thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee and to minister to thee.

And we pray thee that thou wouldest send thy Holy Spirit upon the offerings of thy holy Church; that thou, gathering them into one, wouldest grant to all thy saints who partake to be filled with the Holy Spirit, that their faith may be confirmed in truth, that we may praise and glorify thee. Through thy servant, Jesus Christ, through whom be to thee glory and honor, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, both now and always, and to the ages of the ages.

A: AMEN.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AT ROME

Celebrant: The Lord be with you  
Assembly: And with your spirit  
C: Lift up your hearts  
A: We lift them unto the Lord  
C: Let us thank the Lord our God  
A: It is meet and right to do so

Truly it is meet and right  
it is our duty, it is our salvation  
to thank you always and everywhere  
to thank you, Lord  
holy Father  
God almighty and everlasting  
through Christ our Lord.  
Through him, the Angels praise your majesty  
the Dominations worship it  
and the Powers of the heavens tremble.  
The hosts of heaven join with the holy Seraphim  
in a hymn of celebration.  
We ask that our voices may join in too  
as all together we sing out joyfully  
our humble proclamation.

A: Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of hosts  
Heaven and earth are filled  
with your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest

Therefore  
we ask you this  
Father most merciful  
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.  
We ask you, we beg you to take and to bless  
these gifts  
these tokens  
these holy unspotted offerings.  
In the first place  
we offer them to you  
for your holy Catholic Church  
(throughout the whole world).  
Please give her peace  
guard her, gather her, guide her.

We offer them  
together with your servants,  
the Pope, all Patriarchs, Bishops, Moderators, and Rulers  
and with all who faithfully teach  
the Catholic apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord  
the servants of your household N. and N.

and all who are assembled here around your altar.  
You know their faithfulness  
and attachment to you.  
We offer to you for them  
or they offer to you  
this sacrifice of praise  
for themselves and for all they cherish  
for the atonement of their sins  
for the salvation and safety in which they hope.  
To you do they pray  
God everlasting, living and true.

In the fellowship of communion  
we honor and remember first of all  
the glorious Mary ever Virgin  
the mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.  
Then we recall the blessed Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin  
and your holy apostles and martyrs  
Peter and Paul  
Andrew James John  
Thomas James Philip  
Bartholomew Matthew  
Simon and Jude Thaddeus,  
Linus Cletus Clement  
Sixtus Cornelius Cyprian  
Lawrence Chrysogonus  
John and Paul  
Cosmas and Damian,  
and all your saints.  
Because of their merits and prayers  
help and guard us in all things  
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

This, then, is the offering  
which we, your servants, and your whole family  
owe and give to you.  
Please accept it  
establish our days in your peace  
save us from everlasting doom  
and count us among your chosen ones  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As for this whole offering  
O God  
please bless it  
please accept it  
and make it proper and perfect  
and worthy to please you  
so that it may become for us  
the Body and Blood of your dearly beloved Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

The day before he suffered  
he took bread  
into his holy and venerable hands  
and with eyes lifted up to heaven  
to you, God, his almighty Father  
giving thanks to you  
he blessed  
broke  
and gave it to his disciples  
saying  
"Take and eat this, all of you,  
For this is my Body."

Likewise after the supper  
he also took this glorious cup  
into his holy and venerable hands  
He gave thanks to you again  
and blessed the cup  
and handed it to his disciples  
saying  
"Take and drink this, all of you,  
For this is the cup  
of my Blood  
of the new and everlasting covenant  
the mystery of faith.  
It shall be shed for you and for many  
to atone for sins,  
Whenever you do these things  
you will do them in memory of me."

For this reason, O Lord, we your servants  
and likewise your holy people  
remember  
the blessed suffering  
of the same Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
We remember  
his rising from the abode of the dead  
and his going up to the glory of heaven.  
Mindful of all this

from among the gifts you gave us  
 we offer to your radiant majesty  
 a victim pure, holy, spotless  
 the sacred bread of life eternal  
 the cup which gives salvation forever.

May your face be pleased and serene  
 as you look upon these gifts.  
 May you take them up as you took up  
 the gifts of your servant Abel, a just man  
 the sacrifice of Abraham, our patriarch  
 and that which Melchisedech set before you  
 a holy sacrifice, a victim without blemish.

Almighty God  
 humbly we ask you  
 bid your holy angel  
 to carry these gifts up to the altar  
 which is before your heavenly majesty.  
 This we ask so that  
 whoever shares in receiving  
 the most holy Body and Blood of your Son  
 from this altar here below  
 may be filled with every blessing and grace  
 from heaven above: through the same **Christ our Lord,**  
 Amen.

Remember too, Lord  
 the servants of your household N. and N.  
 They have gone before us  
 they are sealed with the sign of faith  
 now they sleep the sleep of peace

Grant, O Lord, we ask you  
 to these and to all who are at rest in Christ  
 a place refreshing, of light and peace  
 through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We, your sinful servants  
 have hope in your boundless mercy.  
 Please give us part and fellowship  
 with your holy apostles and martyrs  
 with John and Stephen  
 with Matthias and Barnabas  
 with Ignatius and Alexander  
 with Marcellinus and Peter  
 with Felicity and Perpetua  
 with Agatha and Lucy  
 with Agnes and Cecilia  
 with Anastasia and all your saints.

We pray you, let us share their company  
not in view of our merits  
but because of your mercy  
through Christ our Lord.

Through him  
you make good  
you make holy  
you make alive  
you make blessed  
and you give to us  
these and all good things.

Through him  
and with him  
and in him  
is given to you, Father almighty  
together with the Holy Spirit  
all honor  
all glory

A: Amen.

C: Let us pray: Taught by our Savior's command and formed  
by the word of God, we dare to say:

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. Amen.

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you

A: And with your spirit

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

Celebrant: Peace be with you  
Assembly: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

C: The Lord be with you;  
A: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.  
C: Lift up your hearts;  
A: WE LIFT THEM UP UNTO THE LORD.  
C: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
A: IT IS MEET AND RIGHT SO TO DO.

It is verily meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God:

Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, through whom thou didst create the heavens and the earth and all that in them is, and didst make man in thine own image, and when he had fallen into sin didst redeem him to be the first fruits of a new creation.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

A: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS, HEAVEN  
AND EARTH ARE FULL OF THY GLORY.  
GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD MOST HIGH.  
BLESSED BE HE THAT HATH COME AND IS TO COME  
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD,  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

Truly holy, truly blessed art thou, O heavenly Father, who of thy tender love towards mankind didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

A: AMEN. THY DEATH, O LORD, WE COMMEMORATE, THY RESURRECTION WE CONFESS, AND THY SECOND COMING WE AWAIT. GLORY BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

Wherefore, O Father, having in remembrance the precious death and passion, and glorious resurrection and ascension, of thy Son our Lord, we thy servants do this in remembrance of him, as he hath commanded, until his coming again, giving thanks to thee for the perfect redemption which thou has wrought for us in him.

A: WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE, WE PRAISE THEE, WE GLORIFY THEE, O LORD, OUR GOD.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to sanctify with thy Holy Spirit, us and these thine own gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ. Grant that being joined together in him, we may all attain to the unity of the faith, and may grow up in all things unto him who is the Head, even Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

A: AMEN.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

A: 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, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN.

The things of God for the people of God.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER OF TAIZE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: WE LIFT THEM UP UNTO THE LORD.

C: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

A: IT IS MEET AND RIGHT SO TO DO.

C: It is truly meet and right, our joy and our salvation, etc....  
(Prefaces of the Day on page 4

A: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,  
LORD GOD OF HOSTS,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF THY GLORY.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.  
BLESSED BE HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

C: Our Father, God of the hosts of heaven  
Fill with thy glory  
This our sacrifice of praise.

Bless, perfect and accept this offering  
As the figure  
Of the one and only sacrifice of our Lord.

Send thy Holy Spirit  
Upon us and our Eucharist:  
Consecrate this bread to be the body of Christ  
And this cup to be the blood of Christ;  
That the creator spirit  
May fulfil the word of thy well-beloved Son.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed  
Took bread  
And, when he had given thanks, brake it  
And gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, Eat,  
This is my body which is given for you;  
Do this as the Memorial of me.

Likewise, after supper  
He took the cup  
And, when he had given thanks,  
He gave it to his disciples, saying:

Drink ye all of this,  
For this cup is the new covenant  
In my blood  
Which is shed for you and for many  
For the remission of sins;  
Whenever ye drink it,  
Do this as the memorial of me.

Whenever  
We eat this bread  
And drink this cup,  
We proclaim the Lord's death  
Till he come.

Wherefore, O Lord,  
We make before thee  
The memorial of the incarnation  
And the passion of thy son,  
His resurrection from his sojourn with the dead,  
His ascension into glory in the heavens,  
His perpetual intercession  
For us;  
We await and pray for His return.

All things come of thee and our only offering  
Is to recall thy gifts and marvellous works.

Moreover we present to thee, O Lord of glory  
As our thanksgiving  
And intercession,  
The signs of the eternal sacrifice of Christ,  
Unique and perfect, living and holy  
The break of life which cometh down from heaven  
And the cup of the feast in thy kingdom.

In thy love and mercy  
Accept our praise and our prayers  
In Christ,  
As thou wast pleased to accept  
The gifts of thy servant Abel the righteous,  
The sacrifices of our Father Abraham,  
And of Melchizedek,  
Thy high priest.

Almighty God, we beseech thee  
 That this prayer may be borne  
 By the hands of thine angel  
 To thy altar in thy presence on high;  
 And when we receive,  
 Communicating at this table,  
 The body and blood of thy son,  
 May we be filled with the Holy Spirit  
 And endowed with grace  
 And heavenly blessings,  
 Through Christ our Saviour.

By whom, O Lord  
 Thou ever dost create, sanctify, quicken,  
 Bless and give us all thy benefits.

By whom  
 And with whom,  
 And in whom,  
 Be unto thee,  
 O Father almighty,  
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 All honour and glory,  
 World without end.

A: AMEN.

C: Enlightened by the Saviour's precept,  
 And taught by His commandment, we are bold to say:

A: OUR FATHER, WHICH ART IN HEAVEN,  
 HALLOWED BE THY NAME,  
 THY KINGDOM COME,  
 THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN,  
 GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD,  
 AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES  
 AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US,  
 LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,  
 BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.  
 FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY,  
 FOR EVER AND EVER.  
 AMEN.

C: Peace be with Thee.

A: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

C: Holy things for the holy.

## PREFACES OF THE DAY

of Advent

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father,  
 Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord,  
 For He is the Saviour, Whom in Thy mercy and faithfulness  
 Thou didst promise to man after his fall, that  
 His truth might come to instruct the ignorant,  
 His holiness to purify sinners, His strength to sustain the weak,

Since the time is at hand  
 when He Whom Thou sendest should come,  
 since the day of our deliverance  
 has begun to dawn,  
 full of confidence in Thy promises,  
 we exult with holy joy.

Wherefore,  
 with angels and archangels,  
 with thrones and dominions,  
 and with all the army of the hosts of heaven,  
 we sing the hymn of Thy glory,  
 and without ceasing, cry:  
 Holy...

of the Epiphany

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father,  
 Almighty, Everlasting God.

Because when Thine only-begotten Son  
 manifestly appeared  
 in our mortal humanity,  
 He restored it by bringing to us  
 the new light of His immortal nature,

Wherefore,  
 with angels and archangels,  
 with thrones and dominions,  
 and with all the army of the hosts of Heaven,  
 we sing the hymn of Thy glory,  
 and, without ceasing, cry:  
 Holy...

of weekdays in Lent

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father,  
 Almighty, Everlasting God.

Who didst with Thy presence nourish forty days,  
 Moses, Elijah and Thine only-begotten Son,  
 The Lord of the Law and the Prophets  
 and our Lord.

We implore Thy mercy,  
 that we may be filled with the joys  
 which Thy Son received  
 in this time of retreat;  
 and as we follow Him in his temptations,  
 so may His promises be fulfilled in us.

By Him the angels praise Thy majesty.  
 Dominions worship Thee,  
 and powers stand in awe;  
 the heavens and the heavenly hosts  
 and the blessed seraphim  
 united in one joy extol Thee;  
 with whose songs,  
 we pray Thee, join our voices  
 in one proclamation of Thy praise:  
 Holy...

of the Passion

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father,  
 Almighty, Everlasting God.  
 For thou didst affix to the wood of the Cross  
 the salvation of mankind,  
 through Christ our Lord,  
 who His own Self bare our sins  
 in His own body on the tree,  
 that we, being dead to our sins,  
 should live unto righteousness.

By Him the angels praise Thy majesty,  
 dominions worship Thee,  
 and powers stand in awe;  
 the heavens and the heavenly hosts  
 and the blessed seraphim,  
 united in one joy, extol Thee;  
 with whose songs,  
 we pray Thee, join our voices  
 in one proclamation of Thy praise:  
 Holy...

of Easter

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 to praise Thee,  
 O Lord,  
 at all times,  
 but still more gloriously,  
 on this day (at this time),  
 when Christ our Passover was sacrificed.

For He is the true Paschal Lamb,  
 which hath taken away the sin of the world;  
 who by His death  
 hath destroyed death for us,  
 and by His rising again  
 hath restored to us life.

Wherefore, with angels and archangels,  
 with thrones and dominions,  
 and with all the army of the hosts of Heaven,  
 we sing the hymn of Thy glory,  
 and, without ceasing, cry:  
 Holy...

of Pentecost

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father,  
 Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

Who, ascending above all heavens,  
 and sitting at Thy right hand,  
 shed forth (as upon this day)  
 the promised Holy Spirit  
 upon the children of adoption.

Wherefore,  
 in all the world  
 all creatures with exceeding joy  
 exult.  
 While the heavenly hosts  
 and the angelic powers  
 together sing,  
 and endlessly repeat the hymn of Thy glory:  
 Holy...

of the Church

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father,  
 Almighty, Everlasting God.

For thou,  
 the Giver of all good things,  
 inhabitest this house of prayer,  
 and never ceasest  
 with Thy grace to sanctify  
 the Church which Thou Thyself didst found.

The Church is the true house of prayer,  
 the temple of Thy glory,  
 the seat of never-failing truth,  
 the sanctuary of eternal love.  
 She is the ark, which saveth us from the flood  
 to bring us to the haven of salvation.

She is the only well-beloved bride  
 whom Christ bought for Himself  
 with His own blood,  
 and vivifieth with His spirit.

She is our mother,  
 who by Thy grace hath borne us unto new life,  
 by her we are nourished with Thy word,  
 strengthened with the bread of life,  
 gladdened by the help of Thy mercy.

Finally, she is, through Christ,  
 faithful and militant on earth,  
 and, crowned by Him,  
 eternally triumphant in the heavens.

Wherefore,  
 with angels and archangels,  
 with thrones and dominions,  
 and with all the army of the hosts of Heaven,  
 we sing the hymn of Thy glory,  
 and, without ceasing, cry:  
 Holy...

#### of the Kingdom

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 to hymn Thee, bless Thee, praise Thee,  
 give thanks unto Thee and worship Thee.  
 For Thou only art God,  
 Thou and Thine only-begotten Son, with the Holy Ghost.

Thou has brought us  
 into being out of nothing,  
 Thou has raised us  
 when we were fallen;  
 Thou ordereth all things, without ceasing,  
 that Heaven may be open for us,  
 and thy Kingdom, which cometh, granted to us.

For all Thy benefits  
 we give thanks unto Thee,  
 and to Thine only-begotten Son  
 with the Holy Spirit.

O Thou whom angels and archangels serve,  
 cherubim and seraphim,  
 who sing  
 the hymn of Thy victory and proclaim it, saying:  
 Holy...

of the Saints and Martyrs

It is truly meet and right,  
 our joy and our salvation,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father,  
 Almighty, Everlasting God.  
 Who in the assembly of the saints  
 dost find Thy glory,  
 and, crowning their works,  
 dost crown Thine own good gifts.

Thou dost wish their lives  
 to serve us as examples,  
 that in communion with them  
 we may be made to share their riches  
 and be assisted by their prayers;  
 that we, being encompassed about  
 with so great a cloud of witnesses,  
 we might run without fainting  
 to the battle that is set before us,  
 and receive with them  
 the crown of glory that fadeth not away,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
 by whose blood  
 we have access to the Eternal Kingdom.

By whom the angels, trembling, praise Thy majesty,  
 and all the choirs of heavenly spirits,  
 united in one joy, extol Thee.  
 With whose songs, we pray Thee, join our voices  
 in one proclamation of Thy praise:  
 Holy...

## THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

As prepared by the People and  
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### THE PREPARATION

At the appointed time, when all the people have assembled, the bishop, as president of the assembly, or some presbyter appointed to stand in his place, facing the assembly, shall say:

Celebrant: We are here.

Assembly: IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

C & A: WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE ARE MEN--BUT WE DENY OUR HUMANITY. WE ARE STUBBORN FOOLS AND LIARS TO OURSELVES. WE DO NOT LOVE OTHERS. WE WAR AGAINST LIFE. WE HURT EACH OTHER. WE ARE SORRY FOR IT AND KNOW WE ARE SICK FROM IT. WE SEEK NEW LIFE.

C: Giver of life, heal us and free us to be men.

C & A: HOLY SPIRIT, SPEAK TO US. HELP US TO LISTEN FOR WE ARE VERY DEAF. COME, FILL THIS MOMENT.

### SILENCE FOR A TIME

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm (said responsively)

Epistle (read from the same place and in like manner to Old Testament lesson)

Hymn

The Gospel (read in the midst of the assembly, all the people facing the reader)

Sermon

Intercessions (the deacon shall bid the prayers and intercessions of the assembly. he may lead them in a litany or with free prayers.)

## THE OFFERTORY

The president shall begin the offertory with the following words:

"If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you leave your gift at the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." (Mtt. 5:23)

After which he will turn to the deacon first and then the reader saying:

PEACE, MY FRIEND

And the deacon will answer:

PEACE

Then the deacon and reader will give the "Peace" to representatives of the congregation gathered before the altar table, and they in turn will pass it to all the people, while others will collect the alms.

Then the president shall read the following words:

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

Then shall be sung a hymn, during which time, representatives of the people will bring the money along with bread, water, and wine, and place them on the holy table. The deacon shall prepare the bread and wine.

## THE ACT OF THANKSGIVING

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: Let us give thanks for God's glory.

A: WE GIVE THANKS: WE REJOICE IN THE GLORY OF ALL CREATION.

C: All glory be to you, O Father, who sent your only son into the world to be a man, born of a woman's womb, to die for us on a cross that was made by us.

A: HE CAME FOR US. HELP US TO ACCEPT HIS COMING.

C: He walked among us, a man, on our earth, in our world of conflict, and commanded us to remember his death, his death which gives us life; and to wait for him until he comes again in glory.

A: WE REMEMBER HIS DEATH; WE LIVE BY HIS PRESENCE; WE WAIT FOR HIS COMING.

C: On the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, he gave thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me."  
(Here he should lift up the bread in thanksgiving.)

(and here the wine) He also took the cup; he gave thanks; and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

A: COME, LORD JESUS, COME.

C: Therefore, remembering his death, believing in his rising from the grave, longing to recognize his presence; now, in this place, we obey his command; we offer bread and wine, we offer ourselves, to be used.

A: EVERYTHING IS YOURS, O LORD; WE RETURN THE GIFT WHICH FIRST YOU GAVE US.

C: (Here he may extend his hands over the bread and wine) Accept it, Father. Send down the spirit of life and power, glory and love, upon these people, upon this bread and wine, that to us they may be his body and his blood.

A: COME, RISEN LORD, LIVE IN US THAT WE MAY LIVE IN YOU.

C: Now with all men who ever were, are, and will be,  
with all creation in all time, with joy we sing.

Or say:

C & A: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, ALL  
SPACE AND ALL TIME SHOW FORTH YOUR GLORY  
NOW AND ALWAYS. AMEN.

C: And now, in his words, we are bold to say:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Then shall the president break the bread before the assembly,  
saying:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

A: AMEN.

#### THE COMMUNION

Then shall the president and other ministers receive  
Holy Communion into their hands, and then distribute the bread and  
wine to all present.

For the bread shall be said:

The Body of Christ.

A: AMEN.

For the wine shall be said:

The blood of Christ.

A: AMEN.

When all have communicated, the president and other ministers shall  
gather the fragments and consume them. During this time the assembly  
may sing a hymn.

#### THE DISMISSAL

C: Go.  
Serve the Lord.  
You are free.

A: AMEN.

## A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Prepared by Malcolm Boyd)

The Congregation is standing, preferably in a circle and closely together. Inside a church, the circle will be within the sanctuary and around a free-standing altar; or, if the service is to be held inside a room or hall other than a formal church setting, a plain and free-standing table will be utilized for the altar. The Celebrant stands behind the altar and in the circle of the Congregation.

CELEBRANT: Jesus, we are here for communion with you.

CONGREGATION: Jesus.

CELEBRANT: Jesus, we are here in the imperfections of our shared and common priesthood. We are here in the ambiguities of our shared and common response to you, and the failures we have experienced in discipleship.

CONGREGATION: Jesus.

CELEBRANT: Jesus, we would rather be selfishly alone with you than sharing with our brothers in your life. We would prefer to dictate who may or may not be in this circle. We would like to come here according to our own wishes instead of being obedient to you and the others.

CONGREGATION: Jesus.

CELEBRANT: We have abused our lives and those of others. We have contributed to the breaking of our society and the fragmenting of our world. When we smile our hearts ache. When we cry we are ashamed for we do not understand our feelings. We stand close to one another in this circle and in life, yet we do not comprehend one another or ourselves or you.

CONGREGATION: Jesus.

CELEBRANT: So we have gathered once again in this community. We ask that we may hear and receive your Word.

CONGREGATION: Jesus.

CELEBRANT: We ask that we may participate in the outward and visible signs, and also in the inward and spiritual grace, of communion with you.

CONGREGATION: Jesus.

CELEBRANT: The Word in the Old Testament.

Another member of the Congregation reads the Old Testament passage previously selected.

CELEBRANT: The Word in the New Testament

Another member of the Congregation reads the New Testament passage previously selected.

CELEBRANT: The Sermon. (In this context, the Sermon will probably not exceed a few minutes in length, and the people will remain standing in the circle.)

CELEBRANT: In worship we offer the whole of creation to the Lord of creation, so in worship we are closer to the world than at any other time. For whom, or what, shall we pray? What is the burden of this on your minds or spirits?

CONGREGATION: (Members of the Congregation will respond spontaneously. There should be time here for silences and movements of the spirit.)

CELEBRANT: Jesus, you are with us in noise and silence. But for us there is so little silence. We assault mystery with noise. We make silence to be filled by demons. Jesus, we ask you to be with us now in silence. Jesus, we want to hear you and feel your presence while we stand here together with you. But we don't ask for a sign. We are grateful just to be here with you. (A silence ensues. It should not be interrupted for really several minutes.)

CELEBRANT: Brethren in Christ, peace. Not a false peace, but the peace of Christ. Brethren in Christ, peace.

CONGREGATION: Brother in Christ, peace.

(The Celebrant places his arms around the person on his left and kisses him, or her, on the face. The person turns, and embraces and kisses the next person in the circle. This continues until the person on the other side of the Celebrant administers the embrace and kiss to him. There will be no verbal responses during this action.)

In place of a hymn, a portion of contemporary music will be played here. It could be a Billie Holiday blues recording, or a live musical offering by a musician playing blues rock on an electric guitar; a piano piece or a plain guitar selection. During this, the Celebrant will prepare the bread and wine for the Congregation, using an ordinary loaf of bread instead of wafers, and wine which will now be poured from a bottle into a chalice of glass.

CELEBRANT: Jesus, help us to offer our lives in the sacrifice of your life. Jesus, help us to offer our society, understanding that we are a part of it and responsible for it, in the sacrifice of your life.

Lift up your hearts!

CONGREGATION: We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks.

CONGREGATION: We offer our thanks for Jesus Christ and for the whole world he redeemed.

CELEBRANT: Father your glory fills us with joy: Because Jesus, on the night of his betrayal took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: Take eat, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said: This is my blood of the new covenant. It is shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

CONGREGATION: Jesus.

CELEBRANT: Now Father we remember Jesus: his life, the cross, the rising from the dead. (silence) This is our offering.

CONGREGATION: Jesus.

CELEBRANT: Father, we ask you to fill this moment, these men and women, and this bread and wine with the life of Jesus who taught us to say:

CELEBRANT &  
 CONGREGATION: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

CELEBRANT: The body of Christ is broken for us. (He administers  
 communion to all in the circle.) The blood of Christ is  
 shed for us.

After the Communion, the Celebrant will gather the fragments and consume  
 them. There may be music during this, instrumental or a folk song,  
 emphasizing freedom and joy.

CELEBRANT: Thank you, Jesus

CONGREGATION: Thank you for freedom, Christ

CELEBRANT: Thank you, Jesus

CONGREGATION: Thank you for love, Christ

CELEBRANT: Thank you, Jesus

CONGREGATION: Thank you for peace, Christ

CELEBRANT: Let us go in freedom and love and peace.

CONGREGATION: Thank you for freedom and love and peace, Christ.

The End.

LITANY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

- Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
Assembly: LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
L: For the peace that is from above and for the salvation of our lives... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
L: For the peace of the whole world, the life of the Churches and their unity... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
L: That we may celebrate the liturgy in the house of God with faith, fervour and obedience... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
L: For the ministers of the Church and the whole company of faithful people... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.  
L: For the governments of the nations, that they may ever be mindful of social justice and of the unity of mankind... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.  
L: For this city and country, for every city and land, that the faith may there be renewed... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.  
L: For fair weather, abundant harvests and peaceful times... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
L: For all who travel and are in danger, the sick, the afflicted, the prisoners, and that they all may be delivered... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
L: That we may be freed from all tribulation, danger and necessity... Let us pray to the Lord,  
A: LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
  
L: Calling to remembrance the glorious Birth-giver of God, Mary, most holy, with all the Saints let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.  
A: AMEN.

INTERCESSION OF TAIZE

Leader: Let us intercede before God.  
Most merciful Father,  
we beseech Thee to accept our prayers and intercessions  
through Jesus Christ,  
Thy Son, our Lord.  
Assembly: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Memorial of the Church

L: We offer first our prayers  
for Thy holy, universal Church;  
be pleased throughout the world to grant her peace,  
to guard, unite and govern her;  
we pray Thee also for all who are set in authority  
over her....  
and for all who, faithful to true doctrine,  
keep the Christian, apostolic faith.  
A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Memorial of the Living

L: Remember O Lord,  
Thy servants and Thy handmaidens,  
and all who are round about us,  
whose faith Thou knowest, whose devotion Thou hast  
proved;  
this sacrifice of praise with them we offer unto Thee,  
the eternal, living and true God,  
and we address to Thee our prayers for all men....  
for the redemption of their lives,  
and for their hope of liberation and of peace.  
A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Memorial of the Saints

L: United in one communion  
we commemorate before Thee the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ,  
moreover we commemorate  
Saint John the Baptist, the Forerunner  
and thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs  
Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas,  
James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude,  
Stephen, Matthias and Barnabas  
and all the Saints.....;  
united with their faith, their lives and their prayer,

we beseech Thee to grant unto us at all times  
the help of Thy strength and of Thy protection.  
A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

### Memorial of the Dead

L: We also commemorate, O Lord,  
Thy servants and Thy handmaidens,  
who have gone before us with the sign of faith,  
and are at peace.....  
To all who rest in Christ, Thou grantest, Lord,  
the place of refreshment, light and peace.  
A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

### Memorial of Sinners

L: To us sinners also, Thy servants,  
who put our trust in Thine infinite mercy,  
grant a place in the community  
of Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs and of all the Saints;  
into whose company admit us,  
not weighing our merit,  
but amply pardoning us.  
A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

### Memorial of Unity

L: As the bread which shall be broken,  
was once scattered on the mountains,  
and being gathered together became one,  
so gather Thy Church together,  
from the ends of the earth into Thy Kingdom.  
A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

### Free Prayers

...through our High Priest, Jesus Christ.  
A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

### Memorial of the Kingdom

L: Come, Holy Spirit of charity  
fill the hearts of Thy faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of Thy love;  
come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.  
A: MARANATHA, THE LORD COMETH.

INTERCESSION OF TAIZE

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord...

Let us ask of the Lord peace in the Church,  
and for each one of us the grace of a holy life.

Assembly: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

L: Let us ask of the Lord brotherly love  
by the help of his Holy Spirit.

A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

L: Let us commit ourselves and each other to our God.

A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

L: Let us commemorate before the Lord  
all who have left this world and have died in the faith...  
May God bestow on them the crown of life in the day of  
resurrection  
and judge them worthy with the righteous who have  
pleased Him  
to enter into the joy of their Master.

A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

L: Let us recall before the Lord all His servants and witnesses  
in times past,  
particularly Abraham, the father of all believers,  
Moses, Samuel and David, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and  
all the prophets,  
John the Baptist, the Forerunner,  
Peter and Paul, John and James and the other apostles,  
Stephen the first martyr,  
Mary the Mother of the Lord,  
And all the saints, martyrs and doctors of the Church,  
in every age and in every land.

A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

L: May the Lord God, in His mercy  
give us with them hope in His salvation  
and in the promise of eternal life in His Kingdom.

A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

(free prayers)

...through Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

A: O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

L: Come Holy Spirit of charity,  
fill the hearts of Thy faithful people,  
and kindle in them the fire of Thy love;  
come Lord Jesus, come quickly.

A: Maranatha, the Lord cometh.

## RATIONALE

The ubiquity of ecumenical encounter today, first in dialogue and increasingly in cooperative mission, has had a vivifying impact upon liturgical thinking and practice. Historically speaking, it is no mean achievement that Christians are now familiar from first-hand experience with the ways of worship of their brothers. But of much more importance is the fact that this contact has forced each of us to engage in serious self-criticism. The result has been predictable and very heartening: a considerable degree of cross-pollination followed by a flowering of proposals for renewal in worship from all quarters. Virtually every branch of the Christian Church has participated in this phase of the Liturgical Movement.

Any strictly ecumenical gathering, however, and particularly those ecumenical structures with continuing responsibility, is faced with a set of problems of considerably greater magnitude than those facing one church which sets about its own liturgical renewal. An ecumenical structure must define a rationale to govern and explain and justify its specific choice of ritual (liturgical text) in worship. And it is here, in the establishing of such a rationale, that one meets little unanimity. Opinions range from advocacy of a common text (either created afresh to meet the new situation or selected from one of the several traditions included) to advocacy of a succession of rites, hopefully as inclusive as all the churches participating in the given ecumenical effort.

The foregoing collection of Orders for worship is based, therefore, upon one rationale among such several alternatives. But it makes no claim to be final policy for worship at the Urban Training Center for Christian Mission, and all members of the community are solicited to make their criticisms and suggestions for the further definition of an ecumenical rationale, and for the enriching of our common worship. As you see, this folio is "loose-leaf;" which suggests that the foregoing is only a beginning.

(1) In brief, this rationale affirms that worship at UTC should not attempt to follow the Orders of the participating churches ipso facto, useful as that would be, but rather should attempt to utilize those specific Orders which indicate the direction and the sources of contemporary reform within the Ecumenical Movement and the Liturgical Movement. As such, therefore, this rationale is highly selective.

(2) The direction of modern liturgical reform has been so consistent and marked as to prompt Prof. Cyril Richardson of Union Theological Seminary even to speak of an "ecumenical shape." The old dichotomy between the so-called "liturgical" and "non-liturgical" churches is fast disappearing with the result that centers of the greatest liturgical creativity now flourish within "free" church traditions. . . . Taizé growing from Swiss and French Calvinist roots; Iona in John Knox's heartland; the Church of the Saviour on Baptist soil; the East Harlem Protestant Parish arising from the heritage of American Congregationalism.

Indeed, the "direction" of modern liturgical thought and practice is laid on the line in the following summons of Albert H. van den Heuvel, the Executive Secretary of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches in Geneva:

"The Christian community has little else to offer to the world but the very heart of its belief; the hope that it is exactly through absurdities (foolishness, as the Bible says) that God saves his people. And the way we express this is our worship. The great liturgical traditions are better equipped here than are the Protestant. If worship is nothing but an order of service, it wields little power against the power of despair and the absurd. I do not think that we can do with less than something like the liturgy of Chrysostom. Let the Protestants concentrate on their real strength: the sobriety of the people of God around the table, breaking the bread, reading the Word, and instructing each other, while taking care of those who are in need. That they can indeed offer to the whole church as an intrinsic element of the life of the koinonia. But let them learn from the Orthodox and the Roman Catholic (but from the Orthodox more than from Rome) that all this simplicity is taken up in something cosmic which needs to be expressed in nothing less than apocalyptic-liturgical drama."

The following more specific notes, therefore, elucidate a rationale that is based upon such a discernible "ecumenical shape" and that rejoices in the present "direction" of ecumenical worship.

(3) The Liturgical Calendar which the UTC follows is the official calendar published by the NCCC and includes the major seasons, feasts, and fasts of the Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic Churches.

(4) Corporate daily offices of prayer, morning and evening, are recognized to have been derived substantially from the worship of the synagogue. Their essential structure includes the singing of

the psalms, reading from the Bible, with commentary or reflection or preaching upon the selection read, and finally prayers (both free and formal) of thanksgiving, petition, and of intercession.

The Orders of Iona and Taize are two modern attempts to set forth this simple structure underlying the various traditional forms for morning worship.

(5) The foregoing Orders for eucharistic worship represent two general types: one, ancient Orders which are recognized as our common roots or sources, and which, therefore, are the beginning points for any modern liturgical efforts (Hippolytus, St. John Chrysostom, Church at Rome); and two modern Orders composed to address specific ecumenical situations (presently Taize and South India).

(6) The shape of eucharistic worship is determined by its two major subdivisions: the Ministry of the Word and the Breaking of Bread.

(a) The Celebration or Ministry of the Word differs very little from synagogue worship or from its Christianized form in morning or evening prayers. With the important exception of the Gospel reading, the ante communion, or pro anaphora, or synaxis, or Worship of the Word is also essentially a structure for the singing of the psalms, for readings from the Bible (interspersed with alleluiahs; psalms, or hymns), for reflection or preaching upon these readings, and for the prayers of petition, thanksgiving, and intercession. At UTC, corresponding, the first part of the eucharist differs not at all from our worship on other week-days.

This abrupt, simple and separable division of the eucharist has obvious implications for worship in the increasingly diversified secular situations within which Christians gather.

(b) The second part of eucharistic worship is indeed the truly distinctive and Christian (as opposed to Jewish) contribution to the total shape of the liturgy. Here worship centers around the Breaking of the Bread, the mandatum novum of the Upper Room combined with the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples. It is also clear that from the beginning of the Church this part of the liturgy was essentially comprised of distinct actions, rather than words, and that fixed prayers were associated with only one of the four constitutive actions.

Thus the eucharist proper consists first in the action of TAKING bread and wine (initially this "taking" was a separation of the bread and wine from the other offerings of food needed by the Christian community for its common life); second in the action of BLESSING (here, the prayer of thanksgiving pronounced by him who presides and assented to and co-offered by all the brothers); third in the action of the BREAKING of the Bread through which the mystery of our unity is shown forth ("Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake." NEB); and, finally, the action of the COMMUNION itself. In accordance with this rationale, the Eucharist at the UTC consists of one of five Eucharistic prayers and the three other actions, all of which make up its celebration.

It is our purpose to set forth these basic constitutive actions of the Eucharist in their simplicity, for it is the recognition of the underlying two-fold structure of the total liturgy, and the four-fold actions in the Breaking of the Bread, that has contributed to the "ecumenical shape" of contemporary rites of worship.

(7) The eucharist at the UTC is con-celebrated. This form of celebration was universal in the ancient church, maintained without change by the Eastern Orthodox Churches, and has been recently restored by the Roman Catholic, the Anglican, and several Protestant Churches. Con-celebration restores to the gathering the fullness of participation among all the diverse orders of God's People, based upon their function within the economy of the Church. In contradistinction to a service largely monologued by the presiding minister, with at best occasional "AMENS" by the other members of the congregation, con-celebration requires the active, not passive, fulfilling of everyman's ministry within the priestly ministry of the baptized People.

In practice, a service of concelebration at the UTC means that each member of the gathering participates according to his order: an ordained person joining with the president in the prayer of consecration, and sharing in such other functions for which ordination is traditional; and a lay person fulfilling his liturgical ministry by assuming leadership in the Ministry of the Word and in all of the actions of the Breaking of the Bread, save that of the

prayer of consecration itself.

The implications for ecumenical worship of con-celebration understood in these terms are far-reaching indeed.

A L I T A N Y

- Leader: O God, the peace that passes understanding,
- Congregation: Help us to understand
- Leader: O God, all men living together in love and peace,
- Congregation: Help us to love peace
- Leader: O God, who is hung up in this terrible war in Vietnam.
- Congregation: Help us to get out
- Leader: O God, who is a civilian blown to bits by the bombs which someone said were only meant to destroy military targets,
- Congregation: Help us to stop the war
- Leader: O God, whose body is burned raw and screams in anguish of red, hot and hell from napalm,
- Congregation: Help us to stop the war
- Leader: O God, who wanders alone, lost crying, scared, no speech from mouth after your mother and father were ripped to death before your eyes,
- Congregation: Help us to stop the war
- Leader: O God, who is sold for a lousy buck as a sweet whore in Saigon, and dies every night and hates her murderers,
- Congregation: Help us to stop the war
- Leader: O God, who staggers from village to village, hut to hut, cave to cave, unable to outrace destruction,
- Congregation: Help us to stop the war
- Leader: O God, whose town, his village, his family, his friends, his children, his land, his crops, his home, are no more,
- Congregation: Help us to stop the war
- Leader: O God, who has a phoney election determined by the sword and not the vote,
- Congregation: Help us to stop the war

Leader: O God, who is a flunkie, talking in some wash, polishing some boots, stealing some supplies, kissing someone's ass to survive, and is dead inside,

Congregation: Help us to stop the war

Leader: O God, who has troops and tanks and planes in your land to protect you from yourself,

Congregation: Help us to stop the war

Leader: O God, who has the self-appointed policeman of the world ravaging you and your land,

Congregation: Help us to change the Nation

Leader: O God, who is used as the reason for escalating a Third World War, the whim of the militants and facists of our day,

Congregation: Help us to change the Nation

Leader: O God, who is enticed with a chocolate bar in the hand and a knife in the back,

Congregation: Help us to stop the war

Leader: O God, who has seen his cities become vile, filthy, corrupt, run for the advantage of your supposed liberators,

Congregation: Help us to stop the war

Leader: O God, who is blasphemed by this holocaust of killing,

Congregation: Help us to stop the killing

Leader: O God, who is a number every day in the local paper or on the TV screen, 19 of us, 127 of them,

Congregation: Help us stop the killing

Leader: O God, who is us and them?

Congregation: Help us to be

Leader: O God, who is poor and couldn't find a job in the Great Society and got shipped to Vietnam to kill the poor,

Congregation: Help us to change our sick society

Leader: O God, who is black, put on the front line to kill people of color because we don't discriminate when it comes to killing,

Congregation: Help us to change our sick society

Leader: O God, who is called "nigger" in the land of the free and the brave, and a freedom fighter in Vietnam,

Congregation: Help us to change our sick society

Leader: O God, whose black body is twisted still in death in some rice paddy, for free elections in Vietnam, and swinging softly from some tree in the United States because he went to vote in a free election,

Congregation: Help us to change our sick society

Leader: O God, who is sold a phony bill of goods that he is fighting for democracy and freedom

Congregation: Help us to change our sick society

Leader: O God, whose country fights war in the name of self-determination and allows none to the poor of its own land,

Congregation: Help us to change our sick society

Leader: O God, who has been duped into the paranoia of killing human beings who are called communist instead,

Congregation: Help us to change our sick society

Leader: O God, who has sold out peace and love and humanity in the name of pride, nationalism, flag waving, support the boys, drop the bomb, kill the Gooks,

Congregation: Help us to change.

Leader: O God, who is hung up knowing the war is wrong but we're there and can't see anyway out and the war grows and grows,

Congregation: Help us to change

Leader: O God, who hates the war, its sickness, its immorality, the unjustness, the calamity, and folly, and is afraid to speak out and act out peace,

Congregation: Help us to change you.

Leader: O God, who died on the hill, came home in the box, and is now ashes to ashes for what?

Congregation: Help us to see you

Leader: O God, who receives a telegram, a visit in uniform, and the words, we are sorry, your son,

Congregation: Help us to know you.

Leader: O God, fighting to survive, kill or be killed, and know its all sick and wrong,

Congregation: Help us to know you

Leader: O God, who is told day after day that we seek peace and negotiation, and rain bombs on Haiphong and Hanoi,

Congregation: Help us to cut out the phony stuff

Leader: O God, who believes we want negotiations and self-determination, when in reality we want surrender and our own way,

Congregation: Help us not to be phony

Leader: O God, whose country has made a mockery, and destroyed the United Nations of the world,

Congregation: Help us to change the Nation.

Leader: O God, whose government has the whole world in fear and terror of impending disaster,

Congregation: Help us to change the Nation

Leader: O God, whose government labels those who seek peace, who dissent from their policy as simplistic traitor, giving aid and comfort to the enemy,

Congregation: Help us to change the people

Leader: O God, who hears the thunder of war in Vietnam and the silence for freedom in South Africa and Rhodesia,

Congregation: Help us to seek freedom

Leader: O God, whose churches too often close their eyes, bless the war, pray for victory in Jesus name,

Congregation: Help us to change the Church

Leader: O God, who is told the war is holy, righteous, some kind of divine mission to set the people free,

Congregation: Help us out of the con game

Leader: O God, who seeks peace and refuses to be called into the army to learn how to search and destroy and raise the kill ratio,

Congregation: Help us to love peace

Leader: O God, who is joining together with others to find ways to end the war and love peace,

Congregation: Help us to organize

Leader: O God, who has marched the streets to bring the troops home, to stop the bombing, to negotiate, to give Vietnam back to the Vietnamese, to stop the killing, to stop the war

Congregation: Help us to love peace

Leader: O God, who is organizing to bring some sanity, some love, some understanding among the people of the nations and the world

Congregation: Help us to love

Leader: O God, who would run the risks of peace and not the risks of war,

Congregation: Help us to stop the war

Leader: O God, who loves his country and is horrified to see what it is, and protests in the hope of changing the nation and its people

Congregation: Help us to stop the war

Leader: O God, who has seen the urgency of the day and will risk all, for peace.

Congregation: Help us to stop the war

Leader: O God, who burns his draft card and loves freedom,

Congregation: Help us to love freedom

Leader: O God, who is a pacifist and conscientious objector, and loves peace

Congregation: Help us to love peace.

## VIET NAM LITANY

- Leader: For all our sins against our fellow men throughout the world
- Congregation: FORGIVE US O LORD
- Leader: For our transgressions against the Vietnamese in War
- Congregation: FORGIVE US O LORD
- Leader: For the bombs, the weapons of hate and the fires of Napalm
- Congregation: FORGIVE US O LORD
- Leader: For the destruction of a people and the killing of the innocent
- Congregation: FORGIVE US O LORD
- Leader: For the spoilage of land, the defoliation of crops, the sterility of land across which we pass
- Congregation: FORGIVE US O LORD
- Leader: For our lack of real concerns for peace, for playing the games of war and games of peace at the expense of Your Creation
- Congregation: FORGIVE US O LORD
- Leader: For the deaths of our own men and the apathy in the statistical dead
- Congregation: FORGIVE US O LORD
- Leader: For all our sins of hate and the sins of not hating or loving but objectifying and depersonalizing the world
- Congregation: FORGIVE US O LORD
- Leader: We pray O LORD for peace, somehow, somewhere in the midst of all this
- Congregation: GIVE UNTO US O LORD
- Leader: We pray that the insanity of this situation may be overcome by love
- Congregation: GIVE UNTO US O LORD
- Leader: Strength for guidance and a sensitive ear and mouth to raise concern
- Congregation: GIVE UNTO US O LORD

**Leader:** Hope in the world where there is futility, love where there is hate and humanity where there is inhumanity...  
Peace that is concrete enough to stop bombs  
and Concern that is real enough to negotiate at conference tables  
Somehow, somewhere, in the midst of all this

**Congregation:** GIVE UNTO US O LORD

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## A LITANY FOR PEACE

- Leader: O God, the Father of all,  
Congregation: Have mercy upon us.
- Leader: O Christ, the Peacemaker,  
Congregation: Have mercy upon us.
- Leader: O Holy Spirit, disturbing wind of God,  
Congregation: Have mercy upon us.
- Leader: Eternal God of Love,  
Congregation: Forgive.
- Leader: Remember, O Lord, the peoples of the world divided  
into many nations and tongues; deliver us from every  
evil which obstructs your saving purpose; and fulfill  
your promises of old to establish peace. From the  
curse of war and all that fosters it,  
Congregation: Lord, deliver us.
- Leader: From believing and speaking lies against other peoples,  
Congregation: Lord, deliver us.
- Leader: From narrow loyalties and selfish isolation,  
Congregation: Lord, deliver us.
- Leader: From fear and distrust of other peoples, from all false  
pride and arrogance of power,  
Congregation: Lord, deliver us.
- Leader: From the lust of the mighty for riches, that drives  
peaceful peoples to slaughter,  
Congregation: Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From putting our trust in the weapons of war, and from want of faith in the power of nonviolence,

Congregation: Lord, Deliver us.

Leader From every thought, word, and deed which divides the human family and separates us from the realization of your love,

Congregation: Lord, deliver us.

Eternal Father, turn our feet from the city of destruction toward the city of God, and redirect our desires and labors in accordance with your will, that we may live even now in the light of the New Day. Amen.

Leader: That nations may live with each other in the service of man and not in seeking domination,

Congregation: Father, we pray.

Leader: That science may be the constant handmaid of life and never the henchman of death,

Congregation: Father, we pray.

Leader: That the treasure now spent on the machines of war may be used for the arts of peace,

Congregation: Father, we pray.

Leader: That people may rejoice to endure rejection, want, and persecution to win, not a war, but peace,

Congregation: Father, we pray.

Leader: That we may love not only our country but also the whole family of nations,

Congregation: Father, we pray.

Leader: That we may be open to the fresh movement for peace and lend our lives and bodies to its stream,

Congregation: Father, we pray.

O Christ, who rebelled to the point of the cross, rebuke,  
we pray, the violence within us and grant us wisdom to  
discern your teachings, faith to rebel positively, and  
compassion to see always in the face of another, a brother.  
Amen.

Leader: By the prophets' dream of old,

Congregation: Grant us victory over war.

Leader: By the angels' song of peace,

Congregation: Raise up leaders of good will.

Leader: By the gospel's words of love,

Congregation: Help us to love our enemies.

Leader: By the Law of Israel,

Congregation: Teach the nations self-denial.

Leader: By the kingdom you have promised,

Congregation: Come to rule the hearts of men.

Leader: By the kingdom you have promised,

Congregation: Make the nations one.

Leader: God of the future years, we pray for all your family  
upon earth and for every agency of world cooperation  
that it may grow in usefulness and power;  
For your universal family,

Congregation: We intercede.

Leader: For the United Nations,

Congregation: We intercede.

Leader: For the World Court,

Congregation: We intercede.

Leader: For the International Fellowship of Reconciliation and our own fellowship in this country,

Congregation: We intercede.

Leader: For the prophets and pioneers who have seen the promised land afar off and dedicated their lives to its service,

Congregation: We intercede.

Leader: For those who fast and walk and demonstrate with their lives, and often are jailed for it in the cause of peace,

Congregation: We intercede.

Leader: For those who for conscience sake refuse to serve the military with arms or refuse to cooperate with the system of conscription,

Congregation: We intercede.

Leader: For the common folk in every land, especially the oppressed, who seek to live.

Congregation: We intercede.

Closing prayers as appropriate.

