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P. The Body of our Lord Christ keep thee unto life eternal.

When all have partaken, the people rise. A hymn may be sung here.

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The priest proceeds to anoint, in the same manner as before but in silence, the center at the top of the head, the front of the throat and the nape of the neck. He their places both hands upon the head of the person with the definite intent to heal, saying:

P. Christ the Son of God pour down his healing power upon thee, and enfold thee in the light of his love.

If a bishop is present he may at this point touch the head of the person with his crosier. When all desiring the sacrament of holy unction have been anointed, the priest cleanses his hands and, turning to the people, and says:

P. As with this visible oil your bodies are outwardly anointed, so may almighty God, our heavenly Father, grant of his infinite goodness that your souls may be anointed inwardly with the Holy Ghost, who is the spirit of strength, relief and gladness. And may He so replenish you with the spirit of his wisdom and strengthen you with his mighty power, that you may persevere in the way of holiness and ever serve him joyfully in the course that he hath appointed for you; through Christ our Lord.

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3. In whom all the building fitly framed together : groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord;
4. In whom ye also are builded together: for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
5. Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.
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CONFITEOR

All kneel and say together:

O Lord, Thou hast created man to be immortal and made him to be an image of Thine own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But Thou, O Lord, hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in Thee. Look down with the eyes of Thy love upon our manifold imperfec-

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ABSOLUTION

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R. Amen.

The people rise.

P. (*turning to the altar*). With praise and with prayer shall our temple be built.

R. To God alone be the glory.

THE CENSING

The people are seated. The Priest blesses the incense, censes the altar in due and ancient form and is himself censed, after which the people rise.

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P. Let us pray.

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P. O Lord, who hast given unto man bodily health and vigour wherewith to serve Thee, we pray Thee to free thy servants from their sickness (or imperfections or weakness) so far as may be expedient for them and by the might of thy + blessing to restore unto them full health. both outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls; through Christ our Lord.

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To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete, to Thee we cry,
O highest gift of God most high;
O living fount, O fire, O love,
And sweet anointing from above.

Thou in thy sevenfold gift art known;
Thee, finger of God's hand, we own,
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For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, o Christ, with the Holy Ghost, + art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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The people are seated.

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THE COLLECTS

The Priest intones the Collect of the Day and the other Collects, if any, and finally the following Collect for peace:.

**P. Teach us, O Lord, to see Thy life in all men and in all the peoples of Thine earth, and so guide the nations into the understanding of thy laws that peace and goodwill may reign upon us, through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.**

All are seated.

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THE EPISTLE

The people are seated. At High Celebration the Epistle is read by the Subdeacon (or a separate Epistoler may be appointed).

The Epistle ended, all stand and sing:

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

All remain standing and sing the Gradual, after the Priest alone chants the first half of the first verse:

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The path of the just is as the shining light: shining more and more unto the perfect day.

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At High Celebration the Gospel is read by the Deacon (or a separate Gospeller may be appointed). He kneels before the center of the altar and intones the following prayer:

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THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest rises, goes to the altar and turning to the people, who remain kneeling, says:

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R. Amen.

CONFITEOR

All kneel and say together:

O Lord, Thou hast created man to be immortal and made him to be an image of thine own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But Thou, O Lord, hast made us for thyself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in Thee. Look with the eyes of thy love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted mirror of thy power and the image of thy goodness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest rises, goes to the altar and turning to the people, who remain kneeling, says:

P. God the Father, God the + Son, God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve and sanctify you; the Lord in his loving kindness look down upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord + absolve you from all your sins

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THE INVOCATION

The people stand. The priest says:

P. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

ASPERGES

Receiving the aspergill he makes the sign of the cross over himself with it, saying:

P. May the Lord purify me that I may worthily perform his service.

Sprinkling the altar in the middle, then the chancel to his left and to his right, he continues:

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The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

As soon as the Gospel is announced all sing the following, making the sign of the cross with the right thumb upon the forehead, lips and breast successively:

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If there be a sermon, it follows here, preceded by the invocation:

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The people stand while singing the Act of Faith:

All: We believe that God is Love, and Power, and Truth, and Light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach His feet, however far they stray. We hold the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of mankind; we know that we do serve him best when best we serve our neighbour. So shall his + blessing rest on us and peace for evermore. Amen.

The Celebrant faces the congregation, and intones or says:

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All remain standing. A hymn may be sung here and the offertory taken.

OFFERTORIUM

The people are seated. The Priest unveils the Chalice and the Paten :

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Thrills through us, every one.
O Master, let that harmony
Sing through the lives we lead for Thee!

And now with reverent pace,
Our strength renewed by Thine,
Devoted guardians of thy grace,
Quit we this holy shrine,
And pass into the silent night,
To be the bearers of thy light. Amen.

All are seated. The thurifer or another server enters the sanctuary and extinguishes the candles on the Altar and on the Altar of Our Lady. As the service is concluded, all leave the church in silence and with respect.

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All stand.

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O come, let us adore him.
Christ the Lord.

1. O praise the Lord, all ye his servants: praise him all ye nations.
2. For his lovingkindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

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CLOSING HYMN

Closed is the solemn hour,
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And lo! the music of thy power

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[**P. From the rising up from the sun even unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be magnified; and in every place incense shall be offered unto his name and a pure offering. There shall be heard in this place the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.]**

The Priest offers the host, saying:

P. We adore Thee, O God, who art the source of all life and goodness and with true and thankful hearts we offer unto Thee this token of thine own life-giving gifts bestowed upon us, thou who art the giver of all.

He pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying:

P. According to immemorial custom, we now mix water with this wine, praying Thee, O Lord, that we may evermore abide in Christ and He in us.

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As this incense rises before Thee, o Lord, so let our prayer be set forth in Thy sight. Let Thy holy angels encompass Thy people and breathe forth upon them the spirit of Thy blessing.

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May the Lord enkindle within us the fire of his love and the flame of everlasting charity.

He is himself censened, as are afterwards the choir and people, who stand for this ceremony, bowing before and after. The Priest cleanses his fingers and says, turning towards the people who all stand:

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C. Open Thine eyes in us, that we may see.

P. O God, who in the wonderful sacrament of the altar hast left us a living memorial of Thine eternal sacrifice; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mystery of thy Body and Blood that we may ever perceive within ourselves the power of Thine indwelling life and thus, by the glad pouring out of our lives in sacrifice, may know ourselves to be one with Thee and through Thee with all that lives; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God throughout all ages of ages.

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Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. + Hosanna in the highest.

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With his hands spread over the offerings, he continues:

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THIS IS MY BODY

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**Thee we adore, o hidden Splendour, Thee,
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All-preserver, strong to aid,
We, thy church, adore Thee.
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We, thy church, adore Thee.
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Clad in robes of dazzling light,
Christ our Lord, we hail Thee.
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Mists of evil fade away;
Orb of everlasting day,
Son of God, we hail Thee.
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O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with Thee.

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LITANY

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God the co-eternal Son,
God the Spirit-Three in One,
Hear us, Holy Trinity.
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- 2 Son of God and Prince of Light,
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Morning star, serene and bright,
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- 3 Captain of the hosts of light,
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After a short pause all stand and sing the Adeste Fideles,

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Monarch of the Angels;
O come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him;
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, thronèd on Thine altar;
Ever to Thee be highest glory given.
Word of the Father, Splendour everlasting;
O come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him;
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Amen.

The people kneel again.

P. Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants, bearing in mind the ineffable sacrifice of Thy Son, do offer unto Thee this, the most precious gift which Thou hast bestowed upon us, in token of our + love and of the perfect + devotion and + sacrifice of our + minds and + hearts to Thee; and we pray that Thou wouldst command Thy holy Angel to bear our oblation to Thine altar on high, there to be offered by Him Who, as the eternal high priest, forever offers Himself as the eternal sacrifice.

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He makes the last cross upon himself.

Likewise we pray Thee to sanctify Thy people here present with Thy heavenly gifts and through these mysteries do Thou + hallow, + quicken and + bless them, that both in their hearts and in their lives they may show forth Thy praise and glorify Thy holy name.

He makes with the host the sign of the cross three times over the chalice.

All these things do we ask, O Father, in the Name and through the mediation of Thy most blessed Son, for we acknowledge and confess with our hearts and lips that + by Him were all things made, yea, all things both in heaven and earth, + with Him as the indwelling Life do all things exist and + in Him as the transcendent Glory all things live and move and have their being:

Then horizontally twice between the chalice and his breast.

To whom with Thee, O mighty + Father, in the unity of the Holy + Spirit, be ascribed all honour and glory, throughout the ages of ages.

R. Amen.

The Priest holds the Host directly over the Chalice and raises both to the level of his eyes. He places both back upon the altar.

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THE INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

The people kneel. The priest removes the most holy Sacrament from the tabernacle and places It in the monstrance.

All kneel and the priest offers incense before the Most Holy Sacrament. Meanwhile the people sing the following hymn or, if there be no music, It is said after the censuring:

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The gate of heaven to man below,
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The gradual for the festival of St. Michael and All Angels and seven days after and for the festivals of St. Gabriel and St. Raphael; also for the Third Sunday after Trinity.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify him for ever.
To Him all angels sing aloud : the heavens and all the Powers therein.
To Him Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry
Holy, holy, holy : Lord God of Hosts.
O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His words.
O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts : ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

The preface for the days abovementioned.

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Here the Priest crosses himself with the paten.

And we + join with them in worship before Thy great white throne, whence flow all love and light and blessing through all the worlds which Thou hast made.

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THE SALUTATION OF PEACE

The Priest shares the salutation of peace, with the deacon, then with the subdeacon. He then faces the people and, with outstretched arms says or sings:

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TRINITY SUNDAY

The gradual for Trinity Sunday only.

It is the Spirit that beareth witness : because the Spirit is truth.

There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost : and these three are one.

There are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, the water and the blood : and these three agree in one.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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Who art one God, one Lord, not in the oneness of a single Person only, but in the Trinity of one Sub-

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The Priest communicates in both kinds and administers to the clergy and servers. Then he blesses the people with a particle of the host as he says:

+ Ye that desire to partake of the Body and Blood of the Lord, draw nigh and receive this most holy Sacrament.

All persons present are welcome to receive the holy communion. It is sometimes the custom in the Liberal Catholic Church to administer the Sacred Host impregnated with a few drops of Wine; it is then placed directly into the mouth and not into the hand of the communicant, for which purpose the head should be held upright, the mouth opened and the tongue slightly extended beyond the lips during the administration. The people who want to receive Holy Communion should come forward to the communion rail and kneel. As he administers Holy Communion, the celebrant says:

C. The Body + and Blood of our Lord Christ keep thee unto life eternal.

When all who wish have communicated and have returned to their places, the Priest performs the ablutions in the usual form and then says while veiling the chalice:

Under the veil of earthy things now have we communion with our Lord Jesus Christ; soon with open face shall we behold Him and, rejoicing in His glory, be made like unto Him. Then shall His true disciples be

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brought by Him with exceeding joy before the presence of His Father's glory.

COMMUNIO

All stand.

P. Amen. Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNIO

P. Let us pray.

The people kneel.

P. We who have been refreshed with Thy heavenly gifts do pray Thee, O Lord, that Thy grace may be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that it may continually be made manifest in our lives; through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Celebrant faces the congregation, intones or says:

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost,

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The preface for Ascension Day and nine days after.

Through Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection ascended up above all the heavens; that where he is, thither we might also ascend and, being made partakers of his Godhead, might reign with him in glory. Therefore...

WHITSUNDAY

The gradual for Whitsunday and six days after.

The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters: and God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God : and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The Spirit is life, because of righteousness : and as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God.

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For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin : but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead : and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death : by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die : even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

The preface for Easter Day and seven days after.

But chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his mystic death and rising again hath given unto us the promise of everlasting life.

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ASCENSION DAY

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THE BENEDICTIONS

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R. Amen.

The following benediction may be used where authorized.

[P. May the Holy Ones, whose pupils you aspire to become, show you the light you seek, give you the strong aid of their compassion and their wisdom. There is a peace that passeth understanding; it abides in the hearts of those who live in the eternal; there is a power that maketh all things new; it lives and moves in those who know the self as one. May that peace brood over you, that power uplift you, till you stand where the One Initiator is invoked, till you see his + star shine forth.

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