

THE DAILY OFFICE OF THE ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

THE PRELUDE

The Community gathers in silence rising at the second gong as the Liturgists process, kneeling at the third gong, then rising and facing the East with the Liturgists.

- L. In the name of the Father. And of the Son. And of the Holy Ghost men

the ascription

C. Amen

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

- L. Beloved in Christ. Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God. We have sinned and done wrong. And acted wickedly and rebelled. Turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances.

The call

C. Lord have mercy upon us.

- L. Christ have mercy upon us.

C. Lord have mercy upon us.

At the peal, the Community kneels.

- L. Let us pray.

C. Most merciful Father. We have done little to forward Thy kingdom in this world. We have allowed self to blind us. And pains to embitter us. We have forgotten that whatsoever is done to the least of Thy children. Is done unto Thee. Pardon our shortcomings. Forgive our neglect. And give us a pure heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

the confession

- L. Amen.

C. Amen.

The Community remains kneeling, as the Liturgists rise

- L. Beloved in Christ. God hath had mercy upon us. We are free to live. For we are a forgiven people. "if we walk in the light. As He is in the light. We have fellowship with one another. And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin"

the absolution

The Liturgists kneel

- L. Let us pray.

C. 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.

the Lord's prayer

- L. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

C. Amen.

THE VERSICLE

At the peal, the Community rises facing the East

- L. O Lord open Thou our lips.

C. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

- L. Praise ye the Lord.

C. The Lord's name be praised.

THE ACT OF THANKSGIVING

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

- L. O come let us sing unto the Lord.
C. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
L. For the Lord is a great God. And a great King above all gods.
C. **Left** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.
C. **Right** For He comes. For He comes to judge the earth.
C. **Left** He will judge the world with righteousness.
C. **Right** And the peoples with His truth.

the psalm

At the peal, the Community faces the East,

- L. Glory be to the Father. And to the Son. And to the Holy Ghost.
C. As it was in the beginning. Is now and ever shall be. World without end.
L. Amen.
C. Amen

the gloria

At the peal, the Community faces the table

- L. The Lord bless the reading of His holy Word.
C. And to His name be glory and praise.
L. Amen.
C. Amen

At the peal, the Community is seated

HERE SHALL THE OLD COVENANT LESSON BE READ

the old testament

At the peal, the Community rises facing the East

- L. We praise Thee O God.
C. We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
L. All the earth doth worship Thee the Father everlasting.
C. **Left.** The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
C. **Right.** The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
C. **Left.** The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
C. **Right.** The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee.
L. Glory be to Thee O God.
C. Praise be to Thee O Christ.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

HERE SHALL THE NEW COVENANT LESSON BE READ

the new testament

At the Deal, the Community faces the East

- L. Be sure that the Lord He is God.
C. It is He that hath made us and not ourselves
L. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
C. **Left.** O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving. And into His courts with praise.
C. **Right.** Be thankful unto Him. And speak good of His name.
C. **Left.** For the Lord is gracious. His mercy is everlasting.
C. **Right.** And His truth endureth from generation to generation.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

the gradual

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

- L. Let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts. Be acceptable in Thy sight.
C. O Lord our strength. And our redeemer.
L. Amen.
G. Amen

At the peal, the Community is seated.

HERE SHALL THE APPOINTED WITNESS BE OFFERED

the witness

At the peal, the Community rises facing the table.

- L. Praise the Lord, all nations. Extol Him all peoples.
C. For great is His kindness toward us. And the faithfulness of the Lord is everlasting.
L. Hallelujah!
C. Amen!

At the peal, the Community faces the East.

- L. I believe in God the Father Almighty.
C. Maker of heaven and earth.
L. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord.
C. Left Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.
C. Right Born of the Virgin Mary.
C. Left Suffered under Pontius Pilate.
C. Right Was crucified dead and buried.
C. Left He descended into Hell.
C. Right. The third day He arose again from the dead.
C. Left. He ascended into Heaven.
C. Right. And sitteth on the right hand.
C. Left Of God the Father Almighty.
C. Right From thence He shall come to judge.
C. Left. The quick and the dead.
L. I believe in the Holy Ghost.
C. Left. The Holy Catholic Church.
C. Right. The communion of saints.
C. Left The forgiveness of sins.
C. Right The resurrection of the body.
C. Left. And the life everlasting.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

the creed

THE VERSICLE

At the peal, the Community faces the table

- L. The Lord be with you.
C. And with thy spirit.
L. O Lord show Thy mercy upon us.
C. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
L. Amen.
C. Amen.

THE ACT OF OFFERING

At the peal, the Community kneels

- L. Beloved in Christ. Let us pray for the Church.
C. O Thou who didst raise the Lord. Jesus Christ from the dead. Enable Thy people to embody. The resurrected life. That they may faithfully discern Thy mighty deeds. And sacrificially give themselves for the sake of all men. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen

HERE SHALL PETITIONARY PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH BE MADE

the petition

- L. Let us pray for the world.
C. Almighty God. We humbly beseech Thee to direct the course of this world. In accordance with Thy holy will. Prosper all councils which make for rightful peace. And guide and direct the leaders of the United Nations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HERE SHALL INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD BE MADE

the intercession

- L. Let us pray for those in tribulation.

C. O Thou who seest all the suffering. Injustice and misery, in the world. Have pity we implore Thee. On the work of Thy hands. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer. And hasten the coming of the kingdom of justice and truth. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the peal, the Community rises facing the table

L. Beloved in Christ. Let us present ourselves and our gifts before Almighty God. On behalf of all men everywhere. As an offering to the world.

The offering

C. Both riches and honor come from Thee. And Thou rulest over all. In Thy hand is to make great. And to give strength to all.

At the peal, the Community is seated

HERE SHALL THE OFFERING FOR THE POOR BE RECEIVED

L. And He humbled you. And let you hunger and fed you with manna. Which you did not know. Nor did your fathers know. That He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone.

The verses

I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.

Let all that you do be done in love.

At the peal, the Community rises facing the table

L. Beloved in Christ. Let us offer up our gifts.

C. Almighty God. Thou who dost give us all things. Receive now the gifts of Thy people. Help us to render unto Thee all that we have. And all that we are. That M may praise Thee with our whole lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

L. Amen.

C. Amen.

the presentation

At the peal, the Community faces the East

L. Praise ye the Lord,

C. Praise God. From whom all blessings flow. Praise Him. All creatures here below. Praise Him above. Ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father. Son and Holy Ghost.

L. Amen.

C. Amen.

the doxology

At the peal, the Community faces the table.

L. Grace and peace be unto you.

C. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L. Amen.

C. Amen.

the peace

THE POSTLUDE

HERE SHALL THE PEACE BE PASSED TO THE COMMUNITY.

L. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And the love of God. And the fellowship of the Holy Ghost. Be with us all evermore. Amen.

C. Amen.

the benediction

Community kneels in prayer while the Liturgists recess, rising at the third peal and going forth into the world to actualize service.