

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Canticle I A Song of Jonah Jonah 2:2-7, 9

I called to you, O God, out of my distress, and you answered me; *
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, *
and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and billows passed over me.

Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight; *
how shall I ever look again upon your holy temple?"

The waters closed in over me, the deep was round about me; *
weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land beneath the earth, *
yet you brought up my life from the depths, O God.

As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God, *
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to you; *
what I have vowed I will pay, for deliverance belongs to the Lord!

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 15.13-15

And when you send a male slave out from you a free person, you shall not send him out empty-handed. Provide liberally out of your flock, your threshing-floor, and your wine press, thus giving to him some of the bounty with which the Lord your God has blessed you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you; for this reason I lay this command upon you today.

The Psalm

Psalm 116.13-17

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord*
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Romans 8.35-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Canticle L A Song of Christ's Humility Philippians 2:6-11

Though in the form of God, *
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself *
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him *
and given him the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4.16-21

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Affirmation

I believe in God, Creator Uncreated;
Visible and present in all living things,
Our very life-breath.

I believe in God, Incarnate of Mary;
Who in the fullness of his humanity
was perfect and divine.
He lived his life loving God,
Healing the sick,
Listening to the troubled;
Feeding those hungry for justice
And pouring our living water
To those thirsty for righteousness.
I believe that the forces that worship power,
Who control through fear and rule in greed,

Responded to this Incarnation of love
With violence and brutality
That was futile
In the face of the desire of God
For our redemption.

I believe in God, the Fiery Wind
that renews the face of the earth.
Who keeps our souls in life
And whose voice calls us
On the path that we should go.

I believe that these Three
Creator Uncreated, Incarnate in Humanity, Renewing Fire
Are the Holy One
In whose image we are made
And whose image we find
In community unbound by time, distance, or difference;
Before whom death is powerless,
The broken world mended,
And in whom we live in love
For eternity. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Beloved One:
May your holy reign of justice and peace
Come on earth and in heaven.
Give us today neither poverty nor riches,
But only our daily bread;
So that we may never turn from you,
Either in bitterness from want,
Or in arrogance from plenty.
Beloved One, you are always forgiving us;

Give us grace to turn to each other with the same forgiveness.
Beloved One, we walk a wilderness road
That is often dark and beset by evil;
Be our steadfast companion, our light, and our sure rescue;
For you are Love: Uncreated, Incarnate and Everlasting.
Amen.

Suffrages

God of wisdom, you have blessed us with memory
May we learn from our past to heal in the present

God of truth, the Way of Jesus was a Way of honesty
**Give us a Spirit of courage to faithfully examine ourselves and to
boldly declare the truths of our common life**

God of healing, your Incarnation walked among the troubled
**Walk among us now, be tender toward our many wounds, and make
us whole**

God of love, you see in us your image
**Give us grace to have such love toward ourselves, and to turn in the
same love toward others. Amen.**

Collect

God of justice, send out your light and your truth that they may lead us;
give us hearts to pursue what is right, faith to abide in your Spirit, and
strength to love, not in word or speech, but in truth and in action, that our
fallen world may be uplifted, and all of your children live in peace. Amen.

Let us go in peace, blessing God.
Let us go in peace, to be a blessing in the world.