

Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips, **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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

Glory to You Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

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

The kingdom of God is at hand: O come, let us worship.

Venite

Psalm 95.1–7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before their presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to them with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great sovereign above all gods.

In their hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are theirs also.

The sea is theirs for they made it,
and their hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For they are our God,
and we are the people of their pasture and the
sheep of their hand.

Oh, that today we would hearken to their voice!

Psalm of the Day

Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

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

Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel Reading

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

...

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

Silence

Sharing: What spoke to you in today's readings?

Response of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers

As we look for the coming of Christ, we pray for the world in which we live and for all with whom we share it, confident in God's love for us.

Into your creation, into the air we breath and the water we drink ... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into our governments and leaders, into our healthcare and social systems ... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into the war torn and the refugee, into those who live in conflict ... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into the lives of loved ones, into those from whom we are estranged ... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into our joys and celebrations, into our work and our achievements ... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into our fears, troubles, and weaknesses, into the barren places of our souls... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into the homeless and the unemployed, into those who feel abandoned ... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into the poor and the starving, into those who are oppressed or abused, those cast out and forgotten ... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into all the sick and the suffering, into those with chronic or incurable illnesses... come, Lord,
Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into those who have passed from this life and those who are making that journey now ...
come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Into all those whose hearts overflow with grief, unanswered questions, and an overwhelming sense of loss ... come, Lord,

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings in silence or aloud.

Come down, come in, come among us, and make us whole.

Collect

Creator of the universe, the light of your glory shines in the darkness of our lives. Make us attentive to your presence, prompt to serve you, and ever eager to follow in the steps of the one who is our true light, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Lynn's paraphrase)

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray,

Our Creator, ground of all being, holy is your name.

May your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us.

May your will be done, throughout all your creation.

Give us today what we need for *this* day.

Forgive us our failings and shortcomings,

and help us to forgive those who have harmed us.

Save us from trials too hard for us and deliver us from evil.

May you reign in the kingdom, the power,

and the glory of your love, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of steadfast and compassionate love fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. **Amen.**