

## From St Maximus of Turin

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: Night is almost over; day is at hand! He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the Father communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John says: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it. And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day!

## The Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle represents the light of Christ through the year. It is used to bless the font and at all baptisms, representing Christ's presence among us and acting as a reminder of the resurrection. It is for this reason that the candle is also present at funerals in church. Please take a look at your church's Paschal Candle this Eastertide and give thanks for all God does for us.

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter Gospel: John 14: 1 – 12



Today's Gospel reading is often heard at funerals with its reassuring message that 'my Father's house has many rooms'. The translation is important.

People will recognise 'many mansions' (giving an idea of vast accommodation) but 'dwelling places' takes us closer to the original Greek, and the idea of 'dwelling' is central to John's Gospel.

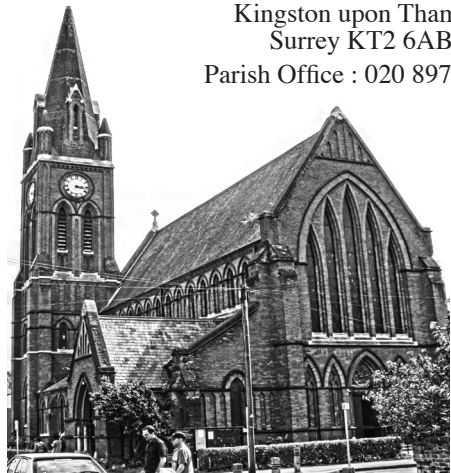
When the disciples first meet Jesus, they ask 'Teacher, where do you dwell?' (John 1: 38) for which some versions have 'stay', and others have 'abide'. The point is being with the Lord: being in his company, part of his family and household. This is not spending a little time with him but being forever in his presence.

And that is why 'the way, the truth, and the life' (one of the seven 'I am' sayings) is made crystal clear. Believing in God – and coming to know him through the Son – is about that intimate relationship, which in this life gives us a foretaste of the next.

Coming into the presence is the beginning of a lifelong journey to fullness, salvation and truth.

# St Luke's Parish Church Kingston upon Thames

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We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass  
10.30am Sung Mass  
5.00pm Evensong

## WEEKDAYS

8.00am Mass Tuesday/ Thursday & Friday  
9.00am Mass Wednesday

## THIS WEEK

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May** : The English Martyrs  
*Acts 7:55-60 ; Ps 31(30):3c-4, 6-8, 17, 21; Matthew 10:17-22*

**TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May** : Feria of 5th Wk of Easter  
*Acts 14:19-28 ; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 21; John 14:27-31*  
8.00am - Mass

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May** : Feria of 5th of Easter  
*Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; John 15:1-8*  
9.00am MASS

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May** : Feria of 5th of Easter  
*Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11*  
8.00am - Mass

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May** : Feria of 5th of Easter  
*Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; John 15:12-17*  
8.00am - Mass

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May** : Feria of 5th Wk of Easter  
*Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; John 15:18-21*

### Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am

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## HEALING PRAYER

We pray for our troubled world. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and help others to come to know the love of Christ. We pray for those whose families are shattered by violence and for those who strive for reconciliation, peace and justice.

We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul;

Especially we pray for:- Gillian, Patricia Davidge, Patrick, Christine West, Heather Stone, Jean Browning, Bethan, Jacki Lambert, Marjorie Ransom and Joyce Canning

## THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Gordon Mott

## ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Cybil Heryett, Percy Stoner

MONDAY: Ellen Maslen, Florence Salisbury, Ruby Pearce

TUESDAY: Robin Wright

WEDNESDAY: Alice Drew, Brian Carman, Jessie Wollstan, Dorothy Budden

THURSDAY: Alice Wolley, William Vickery

FRIDAY: Amy Etheridge, Monica Mustoe, Laurie Mustoe

## POWERFUL MORNING PRAYER

Lord, today I rise not just to exist, but to walk in alignment with Your will. I surrender every fear, every to-do list, every deadline to You. Before I answer a text, check an email or scroll a screen, let me first check in with Heaven. Whisper truth into my spirit before the world tries to shout over it. Remind me that identity isn't earned—it's received.

Cover my home in peace. Guard my children and family in ways I can't. Where I lack, be more than enough. When I get distracted, redirect me gently. If anxiety creeps in, let praise rise louder. Teach me to say no when needed, to rest without guilt, and to lead with love—not ego. Use my words to heal, my work to glorify You, and my influence to reflect integrity. Let this day not just be productive, but holy. In Jesus' name, I welcome this day under the shadow of the Almighty. Amen.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet  
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
Deliver us from every touch of ill:  
In thine own service make us glad and free,  
And grant us nevermore to part from thee.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Priest:* Graciously be present to your people, we pray,  
O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly  
mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*All: Amen*

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

**FINAL HYMN**

418 O happy band of pilgrims

O happy band of pilgrims,  
If onward ye will tread  
With Jesus as your fellow  
To Jesus as your Head!

O happy if ye labour  
As Jesus did for men;  
O happy if ye hunger  
As Jesus hungered then!

The cross that Jesus carried  
He carried as your due;  
The crown that Jesus weareth,  
He weareth it for you.

The faith by which ye see him,  
The hope in which ye yearn,  
The love that through all troubles  
To him alone will turn,

What are they but forerunners  
To lead you to his sight?  
What are they save the effluence  
Of uncreated light?

The trials that beset you,  
The sorrows ye endure,  
The manifold temptations  
That death alone can cure,

What are they but his jewels  
Of right celestial worth?  
What are they but the ladder  
Set up to heaven on earth?

O happy band of pilgrims,  
Look upward to the skies,  
Where such a light affliction  
Shall win you such a prize!

*We follow the old tradition of singing the Regina Caeli  
during Eastertide in place of the Angelus:*

*All: Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!*  
**He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!**  
**As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!**  
**Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

*v. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.*  
*R. For the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

*The priest sings the Collect, and the people respond: Amen*

**ORGAN MUSIC**

Postlude in C - *H Smart*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

*We welcome baptised and communicant members of other  
Christian Churches to receive the Sacrament of  
Holy Communion here, or to come forward,  
holding this pew sheet, to receive a Blessing.*

**MASS MUSIC SETTING**

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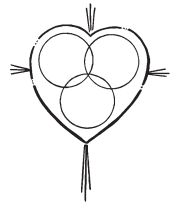
**ORGAN MUSIC**

Christ ist erstanden - *J S Bach*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

427 O praise ye the Lord! praise him in the height

O PRAISE ye the Lord!  
Praise him in the height;  
Rejoice in his word,  
Ye angels of light;  
Ye heavens adore him  
By whom ye were made,  
And worship before him,  
In brightness arrayed.



O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him upon the earth,  
In tuneful accord,  
Ye sons of new birth;  
Praise him who has brought you  
His grace from above,  
Praise him who has taught you  
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!  
All things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord,  
Re-echo around;  
Loud organs, his glory  
Forth tell in deep tone,  
And sweet harp, the story  
Of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
To him be out-poured  
All ages along:  
For love in creation,  
For heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!

**ANTIPHON**

*Priest:* O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked  
wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his  
deliverance, alleluia.

**GREETING**

*Priest:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**



**PENITENTIAL ACT FOR EASTERTIDE**

*Blessing & sprinkling with holy water*

*The following rite of sprinkling the water Holy Water is a  
penitential rite. We are reminded as the priest sprinkles us with  
the water; that at our Baptism when we became members of the  
church we were born again in the waters of baptism and assured  
of God's forgiveness. As we are sprinkled it is normal to make  
the sign of the cross as a reminder that it is through the cross of  
Christ that we are cleansed of our sin.*

*Priest:* Dear friends,  
this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.  
Let us ask God to bless it, and to keep us faithful to  
the Spirit he has given us.

*Priest:* God our Father,

your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life We ask you now to bless this water, and to give us your protection on this day which you have made your own. Renew the living spring of your life within us and protect us in spirit and body, that we may be free from sin and come into your presence to receive your gift of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After blessing the water, the priest moves through the church sprinkling all of the people while the *Vidi Aquam* is sung:

Antiphon: **I beheld water, which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluya: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one, and they say .. alleluya, alleluya**

Priest: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the eucharist we celebrate make us worthy to sit at his table in his heavenly kingdom.

All: Amen.

### GLORIA

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### COLLECT

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The people SIT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.'

Priest: At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

All: **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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you: look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, alleluia.

Holy Communion is now given.

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

Greater Love - J Ireland 1879-1962

The People STAND

### COMMUNION HYMN

273. And now, O Father, mindful of the love

And now, O Father, mindful of the love That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree, And having with us him that pleads above, We here present, we here spread forth to thee That only offering perfect in thine eyes, The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face, And only look on us as found in him; Look not on our misusings of thy grace, Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim; For lo, between our sins and their reward We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best, By this prevailing presence we appeal; O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast, O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal; From tainting mischief keep them white and clear And crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.

with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

*Choir:* Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people KNEEL or SIT*

*Priest:* You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race and who always walks with us on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

*All:* **We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
and profess your resurrection,  
until you come again.**

*Priest:* Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of the Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The People STAND*

**THE COMMUNION RITE**

And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

**THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *from Ps 32 (33)*

**R. May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

**THE SECOND READING** *1 Peter 2:4-9*

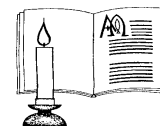
A reading from the first Letter of St Peter.

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

*The People STAND*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

v. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

v. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth and the life:  
No one can come to the Father except through me."

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL** *John 14:1-12*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY** *The people SIT*

**NICENE CREED** *The people STAND*

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.



I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:

*All bow:* and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*The people KNEEL or SIT*

*At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:*  
Lord, hear us.

*People:* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end of the prayers:*

*People:* **Amen.**



**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*During the hymn the Offerings are presented at the altar  
and a collection that will be taken*

*The people STAND,*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

336 Angel voices ever singing

Angel-voices ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure  
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.



**INVITATION TO PRAYER**

*Priest:* Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*People:* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice  
at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good,  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

*Priest:* O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in  
this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme  
Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know  
your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right and just.**

*Priest:* It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at  
all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but at this time above all  
to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover  
has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken  
away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our  
death, and by rising, restored our life. Therefore, overcome