

Appendix

Prayers of the church

SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for the many blessings of body and soul which you have given us, although we have not deserved them. Above all, we thank you for preserving your saving word and the holy sacraments. Keep the teaching of the gospel pure in your church throughout the world, and give us faithful pastors to preach your word with boldness and power. Help all who hear the word to understand and believe. Send out labourers into your harvest and bring to faith those who do not yet know you. Have mercy on the enemies of your church, so that they may repent and live. Protect your church in all trouble, and defend it against all danger.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Show your mercy to all the nations of the world. Bless our land and the people who live in it. Help those in government and positions of responsibility to maintain honesty and truth, justice and peace. Direct all schools and places of learning, so that students everywhere may learn truth and wisdom.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Graciously protect us from fire and flood, from war and disease, from famine and strife and from every kind of disaster. Support all people in their proper vocation, and help all those who are unemployed. Bless our arts and culture, our science and technology. Be with all widows and widowers, and provide for all children who have lost their parents. Help those who are sick and in need. And comfort those who are lonely and in trouble.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Special petitions and thanksgivings may be added, after which the minister says:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless us all as we gather here in your presence, and satisfy the needs of each person. Give us your Holy Spirit as we come to the Lord's table, and strengthen our faith so that we may receive the body and blood of Christ for our lasting benefit.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work you have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no-one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by your power and take us home to your heavenly kingdom. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OR, instead of the last paragraph above:

All these things and whatever else we need on the journey to our heavenly home, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SERVICE WITHOUT COMMUNION

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your goodness, and especially for the gift of your dear Son, through whom you have revealed your will and grace. Plant your word in us, and help us to keep it in our hearts so that we bear much fruit in welldoing.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect and strengthen your church, so that your word and sacraments may nurture faith in you and love to all people. Be with all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world. Bless the seminaries and schools of the church, so that they may send out people to serve you by proclaiming your word, by helping others. and by doing your will in their daily lives. Let the light of your word continue to shine in our homes. Keep the children of the church in the grace of their baptism, and help all who care for them to bring them up to trust and obey you.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless all those in government and positions of authority. Direct our Queen and her advisers, and guide the parliaments of our commonwealth and state. Help them to govern wisely and justly, so that people may be restrained from wrongdoing and encouraged to live good lives.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We place in your care all who are in trouble. Remember those in need, those who are sick, and especially those who suffer because they bear

your name. Comfort them with your Holy Spirit, so that in their distress they may accept your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let your blessing rest on agriculture, commerce, and industry. Bless our arts and culture, our rest and leisure. Protect those who travel, and those whose work is difficult or dangerous. Support all who strive to do your will in their daily vocation, and assure them that you are pleased with their work.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Special petitions and thanksgivings may be added, after which the minister says:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect us from all physical harm and spiritual danger. Support us in our last hour with your mercy, and finally take us into your eternal joy, to love and serve you with your saints and angels forever. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMNIC SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION FOR EASTER DAY

Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Passover Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Son said 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to all the world and to our own country.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us and all people through the teaching of your word and the celebration of your holy meal.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in

heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMNIC SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION FOR PENTECOST DAY

Let us pray for the outpouring of the holy Spirit on the church.

We thank you, Holy Father, that, as you had promised, you gave your Holy Spirit to all your people at Pentecost. Pour out your life-giving Spirit on your holy church throughout the world and equip its members with the gifts of your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You brought light out of darkness and order out of chaos by your Spirit in the creation of the world. Let your Spirit move over our unruly world and heal its broken people.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You sent out your Spirit on the disciples like the rush of a mighty wind and distributed tongues of fire on their heads. Burn out all that is evil in us; consecrate all your people for holy service and empower them to work with you for the salvation of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You inspired the disciples with your Spirit to praise your marvellous deeds in many different languages. Unloose the tongues of all your people, so that they may joyfully confess you as their Lord and boldly proclaim their common faith to all the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit touched the hearts of those who heard the gospel from Peter. Sharpen the consciences of those who hear your word and convince them of its truth, so that they may turn from their sins and receive the gift of forgiveness.

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Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You gave the Holy Spirit to all those who were baptised on the day of Pentecost. Let your Spirit renew the faith of all those who have been baptised, so that they may devote themselves in public worship to the teaching of the apostles, the giving of gifts to you, the breaking of bread in the Lord's supper, and the prayer of the church for the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You united people from many different nations and cultures by your Holy Spirit. Bring together those who have been divided by misunderstanding, hatred, and mistrust, and join us with them and all the angels as we adore you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.