**PRAISE**

**Gathering /opening prayers**

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy,**

**giving God the glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.** cf Revelation 19.6,7

**or**

God is good

**all the time.**

All the time

**God is good.**

**or**

Faithful one, whose word is life:

come with saving power

to free our praise,

inspire our prayer

and shape our lives

for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**or**

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,**

**to sing your praise with gratitude,**

**and to listen to your word with eagerness;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Praise**

The love of God has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**We dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,

**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**and speak of all his marvellous works.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

**who was and is and is to come.**

**or**

Blessed are you, Holy God,

creator, redeemer and life-giver;

you have spoken the world into being

and filled it with wonder and beauty.

For every blessing we have received

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,

for people of every language and culture

and for the rich variety you give to life.

For every blessing we have received

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,

for Jesus Christ our Saviour,

truly divine and truly human,

living and dying for us, and going before us into heaven.

For every blessing we have received

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy God,

for your Spirit, the fire of love burning in our hearts,

bringing us to faith,

and calling us to holiness in the Church and in the world.

For every blessing we have received

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Other thanksgivings, appropriate to the season or the situation, may be added here. Prefaces for eucharistic prayers, suitably adapted, may provide appropriate material.

Therefore, we worship you

with all the company of heaven.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Penitence**

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,

and your salvation according to your word:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,

for your law is my delight:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**The Peace**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**or**

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,

has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. cf Ephesians 1.13,14

**Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer**

And now we give you thanks

because through him we receive the Spirit of adoption,

affirming us as your children,

and crying ‘Abba, Father’. cf Romans 8.15

**or**

And now we give you thanks

that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,

and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,

he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit;

that through his glorious power

the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

**Prayers after Communion**

**Lord,**

**we have broken your bread**

**and received your life.**

**By the power of your Spirit**

**keep us always in your love;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**or**

Lord God,

you feed us with the living bread from heaven;

renew our faith, increase our hope,

and strengthen our love.

Teach us to hunger for Christ who is the true and living bread,

and to live by every word that comes from your mouth,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Blessings/Conclusions**

Heavenly Father,

we share together the blessing of your presence.

Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,

and in the world to come life everlasting;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**or**

Let us bless the Lord:

**thanks be to God.**

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,**

**here and everywhere,**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**and/or**

God the Father,

who has given to his Son the name above every name,

strengthen you to proclaim Christ as Lord;

and the blessing …

**or**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,

the Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you,

the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;

and the blessing … cf Numbers 6.24,25