**GENERAL LITURGY 1**

 (Standing)

O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world.

**We give thanks to you, for you are good; your love is eternal.**

We glorify you, majestic Lord.

**We praise your holy name.**

 TUNE: CASSELL (167 A)

 Worship, honor, glory, blessing,

 Lord, we offer unto you;

 Young and old, your praise expressing,

 Sing your mercies ever new.

 All the saints in heav'n adore you;

 We would bow before your throne.

 As your angels serve before you,

 So on earth your will be done.

The sacrifice which you desire is a humble spirit: O God, you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

**If we confess our sins, you are just and will keep your promise; you will forgive our sins and will purify us from all wrongdoing.**

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, humbly confessing our sins.

 (Kneeling or sitting)

**Most holy and almighty God, our Savior, we confess our disobedience. We, like sheep, have gone astray, all of us turning to our own way. We have sinned and have done wrong. The good that we knew to do we have not done. We know that we have been unworthy servants and have fallen short of your glory. Help us, deliver us, and forgive our sins, O God of our salvation, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.**

 TUNE: TE DEUM (235 A)(IV,V)

 O Lord, have mercy on us all;

 Have mercy on us when we call;

 Lord, we have put our trust in you;

 Grant us your word of grace anew. Amen.

Thus says the Lord: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

 (Standing)

Lord, make us one in spirit with all your people as we profess our faith, saying:

 **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

 **creator of heaven and earth.**

 **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

 **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

 **and born of the Virgin Mary.**

 **He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

 **was crucified, died, and was buried.**

 **He descended to the dead.**

 **On the third day he rose again.**

 **He ascended into heaven,**

 **and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

 **He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

 **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

 **the holy Christian[[1]](#footnote-1)\* church,**

 **the communion of saints,**

 **the forgiveness of sins,**

 **the resurrection of the body,**

 **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 TUNE: GLORIA PATRI

 CHOIR: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

 and to the Holy Spirit;

 ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and

 ever shall be, world without end.

 Amen, Amen, Amen.

 CHOIR: Lord God, Father, hear us as we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Our Father in heaven,

 **hallowed be thy Name. hallowed be your Name,**

 **Thy kingdom come. your kingdom come,**

 **Thy will be done on earth, your will be done,**

 **as it is in heaven. on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily Give us today our daily**

 **bread. bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, Forgive us our sins**

 **as we forgive those as we forgive those**

 **who trespass against us. who sin against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, Save us from the time of trial,**

 **but deliver us from evil. and deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, For the kingdom, the power,**

 **and the power, and the glory, and the glory are yours,**

 **forever and ever. Amen. now and for ever. Amen.**

 CHOIR: Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world;

 ALL: Be gracious unto us.

 CHOIR: Lord God, Holy Spirit,

 ALL: Abide with us forever. (Amen.)

(All may join in The Church Litany, or The Shorter Church Litany, or the service may proceed as the liturgist directs.)

**THE CHURCH LITANY**

(The Litany is our church's great Prayer of Intercession. It may be used with any of the General, Seasonal, or Occasional Liturgies.)

 (Sitting)

 CHOIR: Lord, have mercy upon us;

 ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us.

 CHOIR: Lord, have mercy upon us;

 ALL: Christ, hear us.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil,

 **Preserve us, gracious Lord and God.**

From famine and disease,

From disaster by fire or flood, storm or earthquake,

From war and bloodshed,

From the violence of wicked people,

From pride and trust in our own wisdom and strength,

From needless worry and anxiety,

From the selfish desire of becoming great,

From hypocrisy and fanaticism,

From envy, greed, hatred, and malice,

From the deceitfulness of sin,

From the power and destructive ways of Satan,

From the influence of the secular spirit of this world,

 **Preserve us, gracious Lord and God.**

By your holy incarnation and birth,

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

By all the merits of your perfect life before God and humanity,

 **Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.**

By your agony and bloody sweat,

By your cross and suffering,

By your sacred wounds and precious blood,

By your dying words,

By your atoning death,

By your rest in the grave,

By your triumphant resurrection and ascension,

By your sending the Holy Spirit,

By your prevailing intercession,

By your holy sacraments,

By your divine presence,

By your coming again to your church on earth, or our being called home to be with you in heaven,

 **Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.**

 TUNE: EISLEBEN (519 A)

 Most holy Lord and God,

 Holy, Almighty God,

 Holy and most merciful Savior,

 Our Eternal God,

 Grant that we may never

 Lose the comforts from your death:

 Have mercy, O Lord.

Head and Savior of your body the church, unite all the children of God in one spirit. Send us as faithful laborers into your harvest that all may be gathered into your family. Pour out your Spirit and power on those who preach your word. Prevent division and useless conflict in the church. Put far from your people all who deceive. Bring back all who have gone astray. Defeat the evil intentions of those who oppose and persecute your church, and help them to turn from the error of their ways.

 **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Grant love and unity to all our congregations. Keep our bishops and ministers sound in doctrine and holy in life. May everyone who serves in the church be faithful, not only in great matters, but also in the smallest things. Grant that all of us may pattern our lives after your example, that we may be your holy people to our life's end.

 **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Lord, supply the needs of your people. Bless our labor and make us diligent in our daily tasks. Do not let any of us become entangled by the affairs of this life, but may everything we do or think be for you. Help us to make proper use of your gifts, and make us generous in our giving. Help us to be loving and caring in all our relationships. Be present in our homes, and guide us to bring up our children to love and serve you.

 **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

We pray for ourselves and for all Christians; for the people of Israel and Islam, who are close to us in heritage and faith; and for persons of every religion, that we all may come to a fuller knowledge of your truth and love. Grant success to the witness of your gospel throughout the world, that all people may come to know you as Savior and Lord.

 **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Direct all governments in the way of justice and peace, that your will may be known and done among the nations. Bless those who hold office in our land; and may we lead under them a peaceable, godly, and honest life. Deliver us from the sins which lead to war and conflict, and strengthen within us the will to establish righteousness and justice on the earth. Enable us to make wise use of the world you have entrusted to us.

 **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Good Shepherd, we commend to your care those of our congregation who are absent from us today. Watch over those who travel. Send help to all who are in danger, trouble, or anguish. Strengthen and support those who suffer persecution for the sake of the gospel. Protect and provide for the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. Support the aged. Bless and heal the sick and the afflicted, and in their suffering comfort them with your love. Enable the dying to put their trust in you as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

 **Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Have mercy on your whole creation. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become your kingdom, and by grace make us worthy to stand before you.

 (Standing)

 TUNE: INNSBRUCK (79 A)

 Lord, for thy coming us prepare;

 May we, to meet thee without fear,

 At all times ready be;

 In faith and love preserve us sound;

 O let us day and night be found

 Waiting with joy to welcome Thee.

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church Triumphant in heaven, and let us rest together in your presence from our labors.

 CHOIR: O Christ, almighty God,

 ALL: Have mercy upon us.

 CHOIR: Christ, the Lamb of God,

 you take away the sin of the world;

 ALL: Manifest yourself to us.

 CHOIR: Christ, the Lamb of God,

 you take away the sin of the world;

 ALL: Grant to us your peace.

 CHOIR: O Christ, hear us.

 ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.

 CHOIR: Christ, have mercy upon us.

 ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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1. **\*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."** [↑](#footnote-ref-1)