**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 SHORTER CHURCH LITANY**

**(From *The Litany of the Unitas Fratrum*, 1571)**

(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,

From famine and disease,

From disaster by fire or flood, storm or earthquake,

From violence, war, and bloodshed,

From all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

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

By your holy incarnation and birth,

By all the merits of your perfect life,

By your cross and atoning death,

By your triumphant resurrection and ascension,

By your sending the Holy Spirit,

By your coming again to your church on earth, or our being called home to you,

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

Guide and unify your holy Church;

Keep all bishops, ministers, and church servants sound in doctrine and holy in life;

Restore all who have fallen away;

Strengthen those who suffer persecution for the sake of the gospel;

Send us as faithful laborers into your harvest, that all may be gathered into your family;

Direct all governments in the way of justice and peace, thatyour will may be known and done among the nations;

Enable us to make wise use of the world you have entrusted to us;

Send help to all who are in danger, trouble, or anguish;

Grant healing and the constant assurance of your love to the sick;

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,

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

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

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)