

Time after Pentecost (the church)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

Christ is the head of the church, his body.

Come, let us worship him.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

WE PRAY PSALM 34

I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed are those who take refuge in him.

Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The righteous may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers them from them all.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US (see seasonal Bible reading guide, or other Bible reading)

Lord, plant your word in us,
that we bear much fruit to your glory.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH (Apostles' Creed, scriptural song, or hymn/song)

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Let us pray for the church in the world. Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for gathering your people into one holy church.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

By your building of the church on the rock;
by your promise that the gates of hell will not prevail against it;
by the purchase of the church with your precious blood;
by your gift of the Holy Spirit and the keys of the kingdom:

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Make your church truly holy and unified.
Keep it faithful in proclaiming the gospel and administering the
sacraments.

Purge it from all wrongdoing, unbelief, and coldness.

Protect it from sin, scandal, and shame.

Strengthen it against fearfulness and compromise with evil.

Make it shine as a light in the world.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

(Other prayers may follow)

Guide and rule your church forever, Lord God, so that it walks
warily in times of quiet and boldly in times of trouble; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOD BLESSES US

May we know the hope to which God has called us, the riches of
his glorious inheritance in his people.

And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be
with us always.

Amen.