

# World Mission Sunday

(2<sup>nd</sup> to Last Sunday after Epiphany)

## Welcome

### The Acclamation

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

*People* **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* I was glad when they said to me:

*People* **"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

*Celebrant* Praise the Lord:

*People* **The name of the Lord be praised.**

### The Collect for Purity (Kenyan)

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.  
Amen.

## **The First Reading**

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord

*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Second Reading**

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord

*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Gospel**

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People*           *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Leader*           We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People (World Mission Sunday)**

*Leader* Let us pray to the Lord our God. For the growth of God's Kingdom throughout the world, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For the ministry of the Holy Church of God to make disciples of all nations, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For all baptized Christians, that they may discern their vocation to spread the Gospel at all times and in all places, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For all who have not yet heard or believed in the Gospel, and those who may have the opportunity to declare it to them, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For all whose ministry it is to respond to human need and suffering and for all who preach the Gospel and teach the truth, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For an increase in evangelism and ministries of mercy in our local community and abroad, that all people may come to know and enjoy your blessings, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For greater awareness and advocacy on behalf of the persecuted churches, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For all people driven from their homes by war, violence, and natural disaster and for the nations who receive them that you may provide, protect, and care for them. We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed people of the world, and all who suffer for the sake of the Gospel, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For the sick and infirm and those who minister to them, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For all who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, We pray to you, O God.

*People* *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever.

*People* *Amen.*

*Leader*           And now, trusting in Your faithfulness, we pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

### **The Confession (Kenyan)**

*All*

Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Absolution and Response (Kenyan)**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*           And now let us respond in heart-felt thankfulness to God for forgiving us, saying together,

*All*

Thank you, Father, for forgiveness; We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*           The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*               *And also with you.*

### **The Offertory**

### **The Doxology**

# The Holy Eucharist

(Kenyan, *Our Modern Services*)

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People* *He is.*

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People* *He is.*

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People* *He is.*

*Celebrant* This is our God.

*People* *The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*Celebrant* We are his people.

*People* *We are redeemed.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

## **The Sanctus**

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

*Celebrant and People*

We have died together;  
We will rise together;  
We will live together.

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

*Celebrant* This is the feast of victory.

*People* *The lamb who was slain has begun to reign. Alleluia.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.



## The Fraction

*\*\*Break Bread\*\**

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
*People* *Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.*

*Celebrant* The cup of blessing we bless.  
*People* *Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.*

*Celebrant* Draw near with faith and receive.  
*People* *Christ is the host and we are his guests.*

*Celebrant* Christ is alive forever.  
*People* *We are because he is.*

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Distribution of Communion

## Post Communion

*Celebrant* Are there any who have not yet received the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation?

*People* *Almost 1.5 billion Muslims have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
More than 1 billion Hindus have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
400 million Buddhists have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
300 million urban poor have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
250 million Deaf people have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
200 million tribal people have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
180 million Chinese have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
20 million Sikhs have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
Millions of Jews have never been invited to the Lord's Table.  
7,200 unreached people groups have no church to invite them to the Lord's Table.*

*Celebrant* Who will go share the Good News that the Banquet is prepared for everyone?

*People* *We will go, by our prayers, our offerings, our lives, we will go!*

## The Blessing (Kenyan)

*Celebrant* All our problems:

*People* *We send to the cross of Christ.*

*Celebrant* All our difficulties:

*People* *We send to the cross of Christ.*

*Celebrant* All the devil's works:

*People* *We send to the cross of Christ.*

*Celebrant* All our hopes:

*People* *We set on the risen Christ.*

*Celebrant* Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” Go forth in peace.

*People* *Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.*