



there must be
more to **life...**



Discover
Jesus.

Bartholomew, Apostle, 24 August, Red

Invitation to Confession

We run the race set before us, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Therefore let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith. *Hebrews 12.1*

or

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.' *John 15.14*
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Kyrie Confession

You were sent to preach the good news of light in the darkness of the world:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You were sent to reconcile us to yourself

by the shedding of your blood:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

or

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Introduction to Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

cf Ephesians 2.19,17

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Father, accept all we bring before you this day. Guide us with your love and feed us at your table as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

God our Father, keep us united in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *cf Acts 2.42*

Preface

And now we give you thanks because your Son Jesus Christ after his resurrection sent forth his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and to teach us the way of truth.

or

And now we give you thanks because you formed your Church on the apostles to stand firm for ever, as a sign on earth of your infinite holiness and the living gospel for all to hear.

Extended Preface

It is indeed right and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Short Passages of Scripture

Jesus said, 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.' *Matthew 28.20*

Do not be afraid: you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; you will see him, just as he told you. *Mark 16.6,7*

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.' *Mark 16.15*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.' *John 14.13*

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