

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



*Discover
Jesus.*

Suitable Propers

Opening Sentence:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
worthy of power and godhead, worthy of wisdom and honour.
To him be glory and might for ever. *Revelation 5:12; 1:6*

Introduction to the Confession:

Jesus, the King of Glory, calls us to himself to discover that in following him we
might discover the fullness of life.
Let us confess before God the Father that we have failed to follow his Son.

Penitential Kyries:

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Or,

Christ came in humility to share our lives:

forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:

forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:

forgive our self-centeredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Or,

Jesus, friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect:

(Diocesan Prayer for the year ahead)

Lord Jesus,
you call us to be your disciples and friend;
help us to journey with you on the way of life toward the Father.
Enable us by the Spirit
to discover not only the fullness of who you are,
but also the fullness of life you offer to each one of us.

Amen.

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Or,

God of strength and courage,
call us to the risk of faith and service;
and give us grace to follow him
who gave himself for others,
so that in our loving service
we may find the life he came to bring;
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts:

Lord God,
in this wonderful exchange of gifts
accept the offerings you have given us,
that we in turn may receive the gift of yourself.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord

Or,

God of wisdom,
receive all we offer you this day.
Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit,
that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and serve one another in freedom.
We ask this in his name.

Or,

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that we in turn may receive the gift of yourself.
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Eucharistic Prefaces:

It is truly right and just , our duty and our salvation,
always, here and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Christ, your Son,
the gift of life`s fullness is given to us.
Christ calls us to you,
and seeks to restore the ancient beauty
of your image and likeness in us.
You have bestowed the gift of your Spirit
to fulfil your purpose in our lives;
the same Spirit which causes us to be restless
until we are once more at home with you.

Through Christ the choirs of angels
worship forever with joy before your majesty;
with them, we pray you, join our voices
in this, their hymn of joyful supplication:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,...

Or,

Living God, Father of light,
Hope of nations, Friend of sinners,
Builder of the city that is to come;
your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,
you bring home the lost, restore the sinner
and give dignity to the despised.
In the face of Jesus Christ
your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.
You call us to enter into the life of Christ,
discovering the fullness of life you intend for each one of us.
With people from every race and nation,
with the Church of all the ages,
with apostles, evangelists and martyrs
we join the angels of heaven
in their unending song:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,...

Communion Sentence:

The Lord will sit enthroned for ever;
the Lord will bless his people with peace. *Psalms 29:10-11*

Post Communion Prayers:

Having feasted with delight at your heavenly table,
we beg you, Lord,
that we may always hunger for that food
by which we truly live.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or,

Lord God,
you nourish us with the body and blood of your Son.
Rule our lives by your Holy Spirit,
that we may commit ourselves to you
not only in word
but in action and in truth,
and so enter the kingdom of heaven.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or,

Almighty God,
may the bread we have broken
and the cup we have tasted
fill us with life and gladness
and transform us into the Christ we have received,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever

And especially the Post Communions in ABPA commencing:

Bountiful God,
at this table you graciously feed us ...

Living God,
in this holy meal...

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise ...

Blessings:

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing ...

Or,

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw *you* to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen *you* in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill *your* hearts;
and the blessing ...

Or,

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...

Solemn Blessing:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.)

May God the Father bring us to the home
which his Son prepares for all who love him.

Amen.

May God the Son give us the will
to live for him each day in life eternal.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance
that our citizenship is in heaven
with the blessed and beloved,
and the whole company of the redeemed.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,...

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