

Liturgical resources for the Six Marks of Mission

First Mark of Mission: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

Opening Sentence

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Collects

General Collect for all six Marks of Mission

Almighty God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Collects for first Mark of Mission

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Or

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Suggested readings

1 Samuel 8:1-17
Psalm 93 or 96 or 97
Gal 5:16-26
Luke 22: 24-30

Intercessions

General form suitable for all six marks of mission

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.
For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those preparing for baptism [and confirmation] ...
and for their teachers and sponsors,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world ...
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow
among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who
suffer...
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of
God,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the
way of holiness ...
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

Intercessions for the first Mark of Mission

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.
You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind,
freedom to the captives
and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit;
rouse us to work in his name.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing love.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for you to save your people.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.
Father, use us, unworthy as we are,
to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and
peace.
Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son,
that all our joy and delight may be to serve you,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Introduction to the confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at
hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Introduction to the peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Prayers at the preparation of the table

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the
poor, who fills our praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Proper preface

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and
earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus
Christ our Lord. You gave us power to proclaim your
gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal
priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and
archangels and with the company of heaven to proclaim
the glory of your name.

Post Communion prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his good news.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Simple blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his
glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his
kingdom;
and the blessing ...

Dismissal

Bring good news to the poor, release captives, give sight
to the blind, set the oppressed free, and proclaim the
year of the Lord's favour! Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Second Mark of Mission: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Opening sentence

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

Collects

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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.

Or

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Suggested readings

Deuteronomy 11:18-21
Psalm 51:10-17
Acts 1:1-5 or Romans 4:14-21 or 2 Peter 1:3-11
Mark 1:4-13

Intercessions

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.
You have called us into the family
of those who are the children of God.
May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ
be strengthened by your grace.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a temple
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.
Give us clean hands and pure hearts
so that our lives will reflect your holiness.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a light to the world,
so that those in darkness come to you.
May our lives shine as a witness
to the saving grace you have given for all.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be members of your body,
so that when one suffers, all suffer together.
We ask for your comfort and healing power
to bring hope to those in distress.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be the Bride,
where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.
Prepare us for the wedding feast,
where we will be united with you for ever.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.
We unite our prayers with theirs
and ask for grace to serve you with joy
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity.

Amen.

Or

Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Washed clean by the waters of baptism,
let us pray that we may live the life to which he has
called us.
Lord Jesus, eternal Word,
proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner,
hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire,
strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent,
teach your Church dependence on your grace ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old,
give hope to all who suffer or are ignored ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father,
anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope,
share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father makes us and all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory.
Amen.

Introduction to the Confession

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Or

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his
promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

Introduction to the peace

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has
become new.

Or

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

Or

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant it that peace and unity which is according to
your will.

Prayers at the preparation of the table

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

Proper preface

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and
earth; we give you thanks because you celebrated your
new gift of baptism by signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in
the presence among us of your Word made flesh, Jesus
your anointed one, sent to bring good news to the poor.
Therefore, we rejoice to echo songs of angels in heaven
for ever praising and saying:

Post Communion Prayer

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

Solemn blessing

God who has called you to be faithful.
The Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by
his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.

Amen.

Christ, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon you
the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip you and strengthen
you in your ministry.

Amen.

And the blessing...

Simple Blessing

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing ...

Dismissal

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and
admonish one another in all wisdom.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Third Mark of Mission: To respond to human need by loving service

Opening Sentence

"I tell you truly just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Collects

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Or

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Or

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Suggested readings

Ruth 1:1-17
Psalm 15
Acts 4:32-37 or Romans 5: 1-5 or Romans 12:9-21 or 1
John 4:16b-21
Luke 10:25-37

Intercessions

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints who lived lives of loving service let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, your Son called men and women to follow him in self-denial and in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon all who he has called today and made his disciples within the church...*(prayers for the church)*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs...*(prayers for the world)*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon our communities in which we share.....*(prayers for families, friends, local neighbourhood)*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and to heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation that in our loving service your people may be renewed with your gifts of healing....*(prayers for the sick)*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death...*(prayers for the dead)*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that love is the fulfilment of the law, accept our prayers and our lives in obedience to your will, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introduction to the confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ says,
'A new commandment I give you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.'
Let us confess to almighty God
our failure to accept his love
and to share it with others.

Introduction to the peace

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Or

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Prayers at the preparation of the table

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

Amen.

Proper preface

Eucharist Prayer 5

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son at table offered himself
as the innocent Lamb,
and gave us this memorial of his passion
until the end of time;
for ever nourish your people
with his living bread and saving cup,
and strengthen them in holiness,
that all people may live
in the light of one faith
in one communion of love;
through the same Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to serve Christ Jesus in one another.

Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
strengthen you with heavenly grace.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you strong in the love of Christ.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Simple Blessing

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, who was wounded for
our sins,
that you may bear in your life the love and joy and peace
which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples;
and the blessing ...

Dismissal

Beloved, love one another for love is from God.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Fourth Mark of Mission: To seek to transform unjust structures of society

Opening sentence

“He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.”

Collects

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Or

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Or

God for whom we watch and wait,
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Suggested readings

Leviticus 25:8-12 or Isaiah 9:2b-7
Psalm 146
James 4:13-6
Luke 4:16-30

Intercessions

We bring before God our needs and the needs of his world. Wonderful counsellor, give wisdom to the rulers of the nations.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Mighty God, make the whole world know that the government is on your shoulders.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, establish your reign of justice and righteousness for ever.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, bring in the endless kingdom of your peace.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Almighty Lord,

hear our prayer, and fulfil your purposes in us, as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introduction to the confession

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Introduction to the peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

Or

God calls us to peace:

In God's justice is our peace.

Christ calls us to be God's people:

In Christ is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be...

Or

Blessed are those who make peace: they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be...

Or

Blessed be Christ, the prince of peace.

He breaks down the walls that divide us: praise Christ who is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be...

Prayers at the preparation of the table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Proper preface

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, you exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall

bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, we have been gathered at the table of your Son. Hear our prayer for all our sisters and brothers who suffer for truth, justice, and freedom. Strengthen our witness and keep them, with us, under the protection of your wings. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Blessing

God the Father, the source of all justice and righteousness, bless you.

Amen.

God the Son, the Prince of Peace, bless you.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, bless you.

Amen.

And the blessing...

Simple Blessing

Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God and the blessing...

Dismissal

Be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Fifth Mark of Mission: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Opening sentence

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”

Collects

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all creation restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Or

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Suggested readings

Genesis 1.9-13 *or* Genesis 8.20 – 9.3 *or* Isaiah 55.6-11
or Ecclesiasticus 38.25-34
Psalm 37.22-38
1 Corinthians 9.6-14
Matthew 7.25-34

Intercessions

Let us pray to God the almighty, the King of creation.
God said, 'Let there be light.'
Eternal God, we thank you for your light and your truth.
We praise you for your fatherly care
in creating a universe which proclaims your glory.
Inspire us to worship you, the creator of all,
and let your light shine upon our world.
God of life:
hear our prayer.

God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the heavens.'

We thank you for the vastness of the universe
and the mysteries of space.

We pray for all scientists and astronomers
who extend the boundaries of our knowledge.
As we contemplate the wonder of the heavens,
confirm us in the truth that every human being is
known and loved by you.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

God said, 'Let the waters be gathered together,
and let dry land appear.'

We thank you for the beauty of the earth,
for the diversity of land and sea,
for the resources of the earth.

Give us the will to cherish this planet
and to use its riches for the good and welfare of all.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

God said, 'Let there be lights in the sky
to separate the day and the night.'

We thank you for the warmth of the sun,
the light of the moon, the glory of the stars.
We praise you for the formations of clouds,
the radiance of dawn and sunset.

Save us from wasting or abusing the energy
on which all life depends.

Open our eyes to behold your beauty,
and our lips to praise your name.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

God said, 'Let the waters bring forth living creatures,
and let birds fly across the sky.'

We thank you for the teeming life of the seas,
and the flight of the birds.
Help us to protect the environment
so that all life may flourish.
God of life:
hear our prayer.

God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of
every kind.'
We rejoice in the variety of animal life.
Grant us grace to treat all animals with respect and care;
to protect endangered species,
to preserve the variety of habitats,
and to honour the delicate balance of nature.
God of life:
hear our prayer.

God said, 'Let us create human beings in our own
image.'
We pray for the human family.
We exult in its diversity and giftedness,
we repent of its sins, divisions and violence.
By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within
us,
through Christ who came to remake us
by his death and resurrection.
God of life:
hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your
works;
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness;
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Introduction to the confession

God's whole creation groans.
The land produces thorns and thistles and longs to be
set free.
Our sin affects all around us.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Or
Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Introduction to the peace

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into
song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Prayers at the preparation of the table

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

Or

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Proper preface

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and
earth;
we give you thanks
because in him, our risen Lord,
the new creation is being brought to perfection,
a broken world is being renewed,
and creation itself will share
in the glorious liberty of the children of God. Therefore
with all the heavenly hosts,
we give voice to everything that you have made,
and sing the eternal hymn of praise.

Or...

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and
earth;
we give you thanks
because all things are of your making,
all times and seasons obey your laws,
but you have chosen to create us in your own image,
setting us over the whole world in all its wonder.
You have made us stewards of your creation,
to praise you day by day
for the marvels of your wisdom and power:
so earth unites with heaven
to sing the new song of creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

Or...

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For you have created the heavens and the earth,
and formed us in your own image.
In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your
eternal Word,
who laid down his life for our salvation
and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new
creation.
You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit
to give life to our mortal bodies
and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts,
we give voice to everything that you have made,
and sing the eternal hymn of praise.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all, as with joy we have offered thanksgiving for
your love in creation, move our hearts to be generous
and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Blessing

May God the Father,
who clothes the lilies of the field
and feeds the birds of the air,
provide us with all we need for life in its fullness.

Amen.

May God the Son,
who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine,
feed us with his life and transform us in his love.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of
the earth.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Simple Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of
all peoples;
and the blessing ...

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Sixth Mark of Mission: To work for peace-making, conflict resolution & reconciliation

Opening Sentence

“He will establish and uphold peace with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.”

Or

“All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”

Collects

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Or

Eternal God,
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world’s darkness with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Suggested readings

Micah 4:1-4

Psalm 46 or 133

Rev 22:1-5

Luke 1:76-79

Intercessions

Christ, who was born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Christ, who fled in the desert, give relief to all refugees and all who are victims of conflicts, hunger and war.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Christ, who hung in agony on the cross, give strength to all who suffer.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Christ, who died to save us, give peace to all who seek reconciliation, pardon and forgiveness.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of all,
hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind through the reconciling love of our Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introduction to Confession

Christ is our peace; he has broken down the dividing wall, and in himself created one new humanity, therefore let us confess our sins.

Introduction to Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

Or

Christ came and proclaimed peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

Or

God calls us to peace:

In God’s justice is our peace.

Christ calls us to be God’s people:

In Christ is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be...

Or

Blessed are those who make peace: they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be...

Or

Blessed be Christ, the prince of peace.

He breaks down the walls that divide us: praise Christ who is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be...

Prayers at preparation of the table

Pour upon the poverty of our love, and the weakness of our praise, the transforming fire of your presence.

Amen.

Proper Preface

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed, and humanity is once again made whole. Therefore with angels and archangels and all your holy people we proclaim the glory of your name.

Post-Communion Prayer

Compassionate God, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing. Grant that we who have been made whole may bring your healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Solemn Blessing

May God the Father, who made from one every nation that occupies the earth bless you.

Amen.

May God the Son, who brought us for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, bless you.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who brings us together in unity, bless you.

Amen.

And the blessing...

Simple Blessing

Be reconciled with one another as Christ God was reconciling the world to himself and the blessing...

Dismissal

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.
