



The Parish Churches of S Philip
and S Augustine and S Matthew
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

Liturgy of the
Word and
Spiritual
Communion for
The Feast of
Saint Joseph

Notes

This service is intended for use on Sundays and some feast days. It is a version of the Liturgy of the Word, which turns on the Our Father into an act of spiritual communion, undertaken in the words of the *Anima Christi*.

The bulk of the service inheres in the readings and the intercessions. These will be sent out each week.

The Te Deum is included at the end, since it is said at the end of the Office on Sundays outside Lent and Advent. I have used the Tudor version, since the words have a greater umph.

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: "You shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save the people from their sins." Therefore, let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world:

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ: Kyrie eleison.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples: Christe eleison.

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross: Kyrie eleison.

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Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to God on high.
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high,
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

God our Father, Who from the family of Your servant David raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to Your commands; through the same Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Rome.

The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants -- not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, "So shall your descendants be." That is why his faith was "reckoned to him as righteousness."

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: ♦ with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.

I will declare that your love is established for ever; ♦ you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; ♦ I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

“Your seed will I establish for ever ♦ and build up your throne for all generations.”

‘He shall call to me, “You are my Father, ♦ my God, and the rock of my salvation;”

‘The love I have pledged to him will I keep for ever, ♦ and my covenant will stand fast with him.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife.

The Intercessions follow; these will include petitions from the weekly cycle; and may include the Covid 19 prayer in the notes; at the end:

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, Saint Joseph, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

In place of receiving Holy Communion, you should use the prayer over the page:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, refresh me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within Thy wounds, hide me.

Do not permit me to be separated from Thee;

From the malicious enemy defend me,

In the hour of my death call me

And bid me come to Thee,

That with Thy saints I may praise Thee;

For ever and ever. Amen.

It is appropriate that a time of reflexion follows. If, like the Vicar, you have a mind that easily lured by the frivolous and ephemeral, you might use the following to help stay on task:

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, / to David, the ancestor of God:
/ you saw a Virgin great with Child, / you gave glory with the
shepherds, / you worshipped with the Magi, / you received the
news from the angel. / Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

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Today godly David is filled with joy; / Joseph offers praise. /
The glorious crown of his kinship with Christ fills him with
great joy. / He sings praises to the One ineffably born on earth, /
and they cries out: “O Compassionate One, save those who
honor You!”

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Heavenly Father, Whose Son grew in wisdom and stature in the
home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth and on the wood of
the Cross perfected the work of the world’s salvation: help us,
strengthened by the Sacrament of His Passion, to count the
wisdom of the world as foolishness, and to walk with Him in
simplicity and trust; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers
therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge
thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not
abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst
open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the
Father.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory
everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.
Amen.