

Week 4 – P (Personality)

Who I am makes me belong -A Personality for my Vocation

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Sentence

What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.
Matthew 10:27

Acclamation

*Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.*

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

*[Let us pray.]
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Commandments

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Confession and Absolution

Invitation to Confession

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Let us, in silence, think about how God has made us – each one with a unique personality.
Do we value the diversity God has made – or do we despise others who are different from us?

Silence before the Penitence

Confession

Creative God, You made us in our mother's womb
each with a unique design and a distinct personality

Forgive us for the times when we have not valued our differences

Loving God, You know us by name

Forgive us for our lack of care for those whose names we do not know

Faithful God, Your Word promises that You will complete the work You have begun in us

Forgive us for our impatience with ourselves and with others

In the Name of Jesus Christ, our compassionate Saviour

help us to turn away from unloving judgement and enable us to trust You once again

knowing that You love us and have counted every hair on our heads. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord have mercy (Kyrie)

*Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy*

Hymn of Praise (Gloria)

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

Trisagion

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.*

Prayer of the Day

Loving God
You created each of us in our mother's womb
You know us by our names
and have counted every hair on our heads:
give us courage to trust in You
to complete the work that You have begun in us through Christ
so that by Your Holy Spirit, each of us in a unique way
may produce a harvest of righteousness
to the glory of Your Holy Name. . Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading - **Isaiah 43:1 – 4**

Psalm: **Psalm 139: 1 – 16**

Second Reading **Philippians 1:3 – 11**

Hymn

Gospel Reading **Matthew 10:26 – 30**

Sermon

Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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 of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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 worshipped 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

Introduction to Prayers

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayer conclusion

*Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

[The Lord's Prayer]

Our Father in heaven,

*hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.*

PREPARATION

Comfortable Words

John 13.34

*Jesus said: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.
John 13.34*

Prayer of Approach

*[Let us pray.]
We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.*

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and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Opening

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn

Offertory

Prayer over gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Opening

[The Lord be with you.
And also with you.]
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.
By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give You thanks because He has taught us about Your great love for us, through His teachings, His healings, and His death for us on the cross, so that we might be empowered to share in the Good News, knowing that You will complete the work that You have begun in us.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

*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.*

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

*Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.*

Introduction to Lord's prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

[We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.]
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

[The gifts of God for the people of God.]
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

*Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.*

[Notices]

Hymn

Blessing

*May God our Creator call you by your name;
May Jesus our Saviour free you from fear;
May the Holy Spirit produce in you a harvest of righteousness
as you live out your unique calling to the glory of God;
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you
always. Amen.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen