

OPENING HYMN: (see booklet)

WORD OF WELCONIE AND PREPARATION:

Cel: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven and to bring etemal life.  
Jesus said that where we meet in His name, He will be with us.  
Let us therefore invite Him to be with us now!

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, hear us and inspire us with your Holy Spirit.

PRAYER:

Cel. Almighty God, we are bathed in the new light of your Word made man,  
Grant that this light, which shines in our minds - through faith may be reflected in our deeds. - Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

MINISTRY of the WORD

The first reading from the...  
This reading could/ should be done by one of those in attendance

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Cel: A reading from the Gospel of Sint ...

REFLECTION:

Silence for private reflection; the table is now prepared

Hymn: (see booklet)

PRAYERS of the FAITHFULL:

(One of the seamen could be invited to read the following prayers:)

Lec: Let us pray for all seamen, that, because of the lack of contact with the normal flow of life, they may not feel excluded, but rather that the hardness of their life may enrich their hearts.  
Lord hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord hear us.

Lec: Let us pray for all seamen, - who feel lonely;  
that they may meet up with fine people, - who will show them  
by their friendship - the real meaning of the "Love of God".  
Lord hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Lec: Let us pray for all seamen, - who have difficulties over their  
belief in God - and for those who are in search of God,  
that they may discover Him - in the charity and care of their  
fellow people.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Lec: Let us pray for all people on board ship, - that God may protect  
and help them - while they are using their skills to sail their ship.  
That God the Father may also protect their families - and loved  
ones at home.  
That God will give them the courage - for mutual understanding  
on boardship, - so that they may feel happy and boardship and  
ashore.  
Lord hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Short silence for private prayer ....

Cel: Father hear our prayers spoken and unspoken.  
Keep us savely in your love  
and let us always be close to you. Amen.

PRAYER over the GIFTS:

Cel: Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. - Through your  
goodness we have this bread and wine, - which earth has  
given and human hands have made. - It will become for us  
the source of eternal life.  
Let us pray together to be acceptable to God  
the Almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept us for the praise and glory of his name.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Cel: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Cel: Let us lift up our hearts.

ALL: We have raised them up to the Lord.

Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cel: Father, all powerful and ever-living God, - we do well always and everywhere - to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. - In love you created man, in justice you condemned him, but in mercy you redeemed him.

(Weeks before Christmas)

His future was proclaimed by all the prophets. The Virgin Mother bore him in her womb with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love he has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

(Christmas)

In the wonder of the carnation your eternal Word was brought to the eye of faith, a new and radiant vision of your glory. In Him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

(The 40 days before Easter)

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts - and prepare with joy for the pascal feast. - More fervent in prayer, more generous in works of charity, - more eager in celebrating the mysteries by which we are reborn - may we come to the fulness of grace - that belongs to the children of God.

(Eastern)

In his risen body he plainly showed himself to his disciples - and was taken up to heaven in their sight - to claim for us a share in his divine life

Cel: Through Christ the choirs of the angels - and all the powers of heaven praise and worship your glory. - May our voices blend this theirs as we say / sing:

ALL: Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria alleluia, alleluia!  
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.  
Gloria.....

Cel: Father you are holy indeed - and all creation rightly gives you praise. - All life, all holiness comes from you.

ALL: Therefore we acknowledge your greatness - and ask you to accept us as we are, - we, whom you have told, to preserve - and to rule the world and to serve you.

Cel: Father as redeemer and example, you sent your only Son. He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom and to those in sorrow, joy.

ALL: That we might live no longer for ourselves but for him, he sent the Holy Spirit from you Father - as his first gift to those who believe - to complete his work on earth and to bring us to the fullness of grace.

Cel: Father, may this Holy Spirit sanctify Your gifts. Let them become the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. While they were at supper, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND EAT IT, THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU:

In the same way, he took the cup filled with wine saying:

TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND DRINK FROM IT: THIS IS  
THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT.  
IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL, SO THAT SINS  
MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Cel: In memory of his death and resurrection, - we thank You for this life giving bread and this saving cup.

ALL: We thank you for counting us worthy - to stand in your presence and serve you.

May all of us, who share in this Body and Blood of Christ - be brought together in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Cel: Lord, remember your church throughout the world - and all your people here present, - all on boardship and at home - and those, who seek you with a sincere heart.

ALL: Remember all, who have gone to their rest - in the hope of rising again - specially those who died at sea, - bring them and all the departed - into the light of your presence.

Cel. and ALL:

Because through him, in him, and with him  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit - all glory and honour is yours  
Almighty Father - for ever and ever. Amen.

The LORD'S PRAYER:

(The celebrant invites ALL to hold hands with one another and to pray together )

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin 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.

Cel: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
I leave you peace, my peace I give you. - Look not on  
our sins but on the faith of your church  
and grant us the peace and the unity of your kingdom,  
where you live for ever and ever.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

ALL: And also with you.

Cel: Let us give the sign of peace to one another.

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Cel: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of  
the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit - your death  
brought life to the world.

By your holy Body and Blood - free us from all our sins  
and from every evil. - Keep us faithful to your teaching  
and never let me be parted from you.

Cel: This is the Lamb of God, - who takes away the sins  
of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, - but only say  
the word and I shall be healed.

Cel: May the Body and Blood of Christ bring us to everlasting life

ALL: Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

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PRAYER after Communion :

ALL: Lord ruler over the waves and seas, - keep your blessing hand  
over us sailors.

Give us the strength to lead a Christian life.

We do not wish to disappoint anyone aboard our ship,  
who may expect help.

Keep our family at home in your guard - and let us always be  
attached to them - even when we are far away from them -  
and for a long time.

Help us and all sailors to keep on the right course

to reach always a safe harbour. Amen.

BLESSING:

Cel: May the grace, mercy and peace of God the Father,  
God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - rest and abide with us  
and with all those - whom we love forever be with you.

ALL: Amen

Thank You for coming. We hope to meet again.

God bless You