

# St Laserian

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## The Gathering of God's People

### THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

### SENTENCE

You are my strength, Lord, I will love you; Under the shadow of your wings protect me

*The Prayers of Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.*

### INTRODUCTION

Laserian, often called affectionately Mo-laise, was abbot of Old Leighlin. The cathedral, sheltering among the hills of Co. Carlow, is a place of peace and beauty. It is said that Laserian may have received his training in Iona. His name is certainly honoured in Scotland (Arran) as well as in other parts of Ireland (Inishmurray, off the coast of Co. Sligo).

### OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,  
and to God the Holy Spirit  
whose infinite greatness  
enfolds the whole world,  
in persons three and one  
in essence simple and triune,  
suspending the earth above the waters,  
hanging the upper air with stars,

that he may be favourable to sinners  
who righteously justifies all who err,  
who ever-living lives.  
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

*Moucan, Welsh, eighth century*

#### PENITENCE

O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who trust in him.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants  
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Come my children, listen to me:  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

#### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

#### THE FIRST READING

*Proverbs 10: 27-32*

The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short. The hope of the righteous ends in gladness, but the expectation of the wicked comes to naught. The Lord is a stronghold to him whose way is upright, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous bring forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**  
*Psalm 31: 1-6*

**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness  
Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me. *℟*

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold;  
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake. *℟*

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,  
for you are my strength.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.  
I hate those who cling to worthless idols;  
I put my trust in the Lord. *℟*

**THE SECOND READING**  
*1 John 2: 12-17*

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 12: 32-37*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,  
according to St. Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 32

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with the treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake

when he comes; truly I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

We pray for the dean and chapter of Leighlin and for the bishopric of Cashel, Leighlin, Ossory and Ferns. We pray for Scotland and give thanks for the peace and reconciliation on the island of Iona and through the Iona Community. We pray for the Episcopal church in Scotland and for the increasing fellowship being fostered among the churches which share a Celtic heritage.

God of peace and beauty,  
who called Laserian to minister in Scottish islands  
and in the rolling land of Carlow:  
Bless the ministers of your church,  
wherever they are called to serve,  
making them ministers of reconciliation and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,  
and peace to all who are yours. *1 Samuel 25: 6*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Celebrating at the Lord's Table**

### **THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory!  
We do not live by bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*The priest takes the bread and cup*  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer 2 With Extended Preface from Stowe (9th C)*

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.**

Father, all powerful and everliving God,  
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, O Father, with your only begotten Son  
and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal;  
incorruptible and unmoving;  
invisible and faithful;  
wonderful and worthy of praise;  
strong and worthy of honour;

You are God, most high and magnificent;  
living and true; wise and powerful;  
holy and splendid; great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;  
beautiful and righteous; pure and kind;  
blessed and just; tender and holy;

You are God,  
not in the singularity of one person,  
but in the Trinity of substance.  
We believe you, we bless you;  
We adore you and praise your name for evermore.

We praise you  
through Christ who is the salvation of the universe;  
through Christ who is the life of human beings;  
through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;  
the dominations adore;  
the powers of the heaven of heavens tremble,  
the virtues and the blessed seraphim  
concelebrate in exultation;  
so grant, we pray you,  
that our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,  
in humble declarations of your glory,  
as we say

**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 Father, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ  
in remembrance of his death and passion

may be partakers of his body and his blood,  
who on the night he was betrayed 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 which is given for you;  
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his Disciples, saying,  
Drink from this, all of you,  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,  
We do as our Saviour has commanded:  
We celebrate the redemption he has won for us;  
We proclaim his perfect sacrifice,  
Made once for all upon the cross,  
His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
And we look for his coming  
to fulfil all things according to your will.  
**Christ has died;**  
**Christ is risen;**  
**Christ will come again.**

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,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father almighty,



in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*or*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be 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.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;  
**in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;**

For the loaf that we break is the body  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;  
**The cup which we bless is the blood**  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia  
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;  
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;  
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

*Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stowe (9th c)*

#### AGNUS DEI

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

*or*

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

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

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,  
who has taken away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

#### THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

**Going out as God's People**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of truth,  
whose Wisdom set her table and invited us  
to eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom.  
Help us to lay aside all foolishness  
and to live and walk in the way of insight,  
that in fellowship with all your saints  
we may come to the eternal feast of heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL  
*The Blessing*

God who in days of old gave to this land  
the benediction of his holy Church,  
fill you with his grace  
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints  
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:  
And the blessing of God almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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