



THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

OFFICIAL PROGRAM & WORSHIP BOOK

BOARD OF BISHOPS' & CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL 2026 MEETING JULY 13-17, 2026

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SENIOR BISHOP

BOARD OF BISHOPS' & CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

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THE BOARD OF BISHOPS



THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

BISHOP AND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

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BISHOP DWAYNE A. WALKER

ALABAMA-FLORIDA

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THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
Office of the General Secretary-Auditor
Schedule of Administrative Board Meetings
at the meetings of the
Board of Bishops and Connectional Council
July 14 -17, 2026
Hilton Hotel, Greenville
Greenville, SC 29615

TUESDAY- JULY 14, 2026

1:00 P.M.

Board of Bishops

WEDNESDAY - JULY 15, 2026
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETINGS

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Judicial Council
9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	Church Growth & Development
9:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Connectional Budget Board
9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	Global Missions
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Statistics, Records & Archives
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Worship & Ritual*
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Harriett Tubman*
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Communications (Chief Operating & Communications Officers, Publishing House Manager)
2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Connectional Trustees (Zion Benefits Services)
2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Christian Education, Home & Church
2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Board of Lay Activities
2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Restructuring Commission*
4:45 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.	Christian Education, Schools and Colleges
4:45 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.	Social Justice & Economic Development
5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	Presiding Elders' Council

WEDNESDAY - JULY 15, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Connectional Prayer Gathering

THURSDAY - JULY 16, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Opening Worship, Connectional Council

FRIDAY - JULY 17, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Connectional Council, continued

3:00 P.M.

Commission of Chaplains Retreat

SUNDAY - JULY 19, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Morning Worship

Note: Board Chairs may change the time of their meeting other than the hour indicated. All Boards must complete their work on Wednesday, **July 15, 2026**. The Connectional Council will open with a Worship Service on Thursday morning, **July 16th, 2026** and continue through the **17th**.

Note Two: Standing Committees (denoted by an asterisk *) meet at the discretion of the Board Chair, not necessarily during this setting, and members will be informed at the appropriate time.

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 - 10:00 A.M.

Worship Service

BISHOP ERIC LEAKE, WORSHIP LEADER

PRELUDECONGREGATION IN MEDITATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN“COME YE THAT LOVE THE LORD”

*“1. Come, ye that love the Lord,
and let your joys be known;*

*Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.*

Refrain:

***We’re marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful, Zion:
We’re marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.***

*2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God:
But children of the heav’nly King, but children of the heav’nly King
Shall speak their joys abroad, shall speak their joys abroad.*

*3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets;
Before we reach the heav’nly fields, before we reach the heav’nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets.*

*4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground,
We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high.” Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIPBISHOP KENNETH MONROE

Psalm 100: *“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.”*

INVOCATION BISHOP BRIAN R. THOMPSON

Heavenly Father, As we invite your presence, we come before You today with grateful hearts, thanking You for Your grace, mercy, and faithfulness. Lord, as we gather, help us to concentrate on our ministries with focus, wisdom, and spiritual discernment. Remove every distraction and strengthen us to remain committed to the work You have called us to do. Grant us unity, humility, and clarity as we lead Your Church in this season. Renew our passion for evangelism, holiness, and

servant leadership. Let our decisions reflect Your will and our actions reflect the love of Christ. Guide us by Your Spirit, order our steps, and let everything we do bring glory to Your name and advance Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."I AM THINE O LORD"BISHOP DARAN H. MITCHELL

*"1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.*

***Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.***

***Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.***

*2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.*

*3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!*

*4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee." Amen.*

RESPONSIVE READING...PSALM 15: 41:1-3, 12-13..... BISHOP GEORGE WALKER, SR.

Bishop: Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

Congregation: *He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart.*

Bishop: He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend.

Congregation: *In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change.*

Bishop: He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Congregation: *Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.*

Bishop: The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

Congregation: *The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed.*

Bishop: As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And set me before Your face forever.

All: *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen."*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... BISHOP DENNIS V. PROCTOR

GLORIA PATRI

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES BISHOP GEORGE D. CRENSHAW

MORNING PRAYERBISHOP HILLIARD DOGBE

CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM.....INTERNATIONAL A.M.E. ZION MUSIC MINISTRY

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS OFFERING..... BISHOP U.U. EFFIONG

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES BISHOP MELANIE ROGERS MILLER

MUSIC OF INSPIRATIONINTERNATIONAL A.M.E. ZION MUSIC MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER BISHOP DARRYL B. STARNES

HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

*“1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Refrain:

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!***

- 2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;*
- 3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;*
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim my God how great thou art!” Amen.*

SERMON..... BISHOP BERNARDO J. NGUNZA

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN.....“JUST AS I AM WITHOUT ONE PLEA”

*“1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.” Amen.*

OFFERING BISHOP DWAYNE A. WALKER

OFFERTORY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF BISHOPS

BISHOP ERIC LEAKE, PRESIDING

BENEDICTION BISHOP BERNARDO NGUNZA

RECESSIONAL CONGREGATION IN MEDITATION

LUNCH

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL – 3:00 P.M.
BISHOP DARAN H. MITCHELL, PRESIDING

GENERAL SECRETARY-AUDITOR.....THE REVEREND J. ELVIN SADLER, DMIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHURCH GROWTH
& DEVELOPMENT THE REVEREND DR. E. MERRIWEATHER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER..... THE REVEREND AL HAMILTON
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER/
BUSINESS MANAGER THE REVEREND JULIUS WALLS
CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER..... MR. DARIN KENT
GENERAL SECRETARY OF
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.....THE REVEREND PATRICK BARRETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & SECRETARY/TREASURER,
GLOBAL MISSIONS..... THE REVEREND DWIGHT CANNON
EXEC. DIR., ZION BENEFIT SERVICES.....THE REVEREND DARRELL WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT-CLINTON COLLEGE.....DR. PAMELA WILKS

**THURSDAY, EVENING WORSHIP
WELCOME PROGRAM 6:45-7:15 P.M.**

**WORSHIP-7:15 P.M.
BISHOP DARAN H. MITCHELL, PRESIDING**

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATIONBISHOP MICHAEL A. FRENCHER, SR.

OPENING HYMN“DOWN AT THE CROSS”

*“1. Down at the cross where my Savior died,
down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
there to my heart was the blood applied.*

Glory to His name!

Refrain:

Glory to His name!

Glory to His name!

There to my heart was the blood applied.

Glory to His name!

*2. I am so wondrously saved from sin;
Jesus so sweetly abides within.*

*There at the cross where He took me in-
Glory to His name!*

*3. O precious fountain that saves from sin!
I am so glad that I entered in!*

*There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean.
Glory to His name!*

*4. Come to this fountain so rich and sweet;
cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
plunge in today and be made complete.*

Glory to His name!” Amen.

SCRIPTUREBISHOP S. CHUKA EKEMAM, SR.

PRAYER BISHOP WARREN M. BROWN

MUSIC..... INTERNATIONAL A.M.E. ZION MUSIC MINISTRY

PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER..... BISHOP W. DARIN MOORE

SELECTION OF PREPARATION INTERNATIONAL A.M.E. ZION MUSIC MINISTRY
SERMON..... BISHOP DARRYL B. STARNES, SR.
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
OFFERINGBISHOP ANTHONY WITHERSPOON
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....BISHOP ERIC LEAKE
BENEDICTION BISHOP DARRYL B. STARNES, SR.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 17, 2026 - 10:00 A.M.
CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF HOOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (GREETINGS)DR. VERGEL LATTIMORE
COORDINATOR-LOMAX-HANNON JR. COLLEGE THE REVEREND CLAUDE A. SHUFORD
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PRESIDENT OF HOOD-SPEAKS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRESIDENT-CONNECTIONAL LAY COUNCIL MR. JOSEPH KING DAVIS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-HARRIET TUBMAN HOME THE REVEREND KENNETH LEWIS*
PAN METHODIST COMMISSION THE REVEREND MAURICE HARDEN, DMIN
MANAGER-CAMP BARBER
WOMEN’S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY
PRESIDENT, MRS. SANDRA CROWDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. ROSETTA DUNHAM
TREASURER, MS. VERDELLE CUNNINGHAM

***Interim Director**

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP, 7:00 P.M.
BISHOP DARAN H. MITCHELL, PRESIDING

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATIONBISHOP HILLARD DOGBE

MUSIC..... INTERNATIONAL A.M.E. ZION MUSIC MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE..... BISHOP MELANIE ROGERS MILLER

PRAYERBISHOP GEORGE D. CRENSHAW

PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER.....BISHOP ERIC LEAKE

SELECTION OF PREPARATION..... INTERNATIONAL A.M.E. ZION MUSIC MINISTRY

SERMON..... THE REVEREND DR. ELDREN MORRISON
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THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE OFFERING.....BISHOP DENNIS V. PROCTOR

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.....BISHOP ERIC LEAKE

THE BENEDICTION..... THE REVEREND DR. ELDREN MORRISON

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

JULY 19, 2026 – 9:00 AM

BISHOP DARAN H. MITCHELL, PRESIDING

THE PRELUDECONGREGATION IN MEDITATION

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN“ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME”

“1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

2. O seed of Israel's chosen race

now ransomed from the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

3. Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call,

to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

4. Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.” Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIPBISHOP GEORGE WALKER, SR.

THE INVITATION

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. Wherefore you who do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy way; draw near with faith, and take the Holy Sacrament to your comfort: and, devoutly kneeling, make your humble confession to Almighty God." Let us worship God in Spirit and In Truth.

THE INVOCATIONBISHOP UDUAK U. EFFIONG

THE GENERAL CONFESSION (In Unison)

"Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking

most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

THE HYMN OF PRAISE..."BLESSED ASSURANCE" BISHOP ANTHONY WITHERSPOON

*"1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God.
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood
Refrain: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

*2. Perfect submission, perfect delight.
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above.
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love." Amen.*

RESPONSIVE READING.....MATTHEW 26: 26-36.....BISHOP HILLIARD DOGBE

Bishop: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Congregation: *Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.*

Bishop: This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Congregation: *I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."*

Bishop: When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Congregation: *Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: " 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'*

Bishop: But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Congregation: Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

Bishop: "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

Congregation: *But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.*

ALL: *Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHBISHOP MICHAEL A. FRENCHER, SR.
THE LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.....BISHOP S. CHUKA EKEMAM
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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES BISHOP MELANIE MILLER
THE MUSIC OF INSPIRATIONINTERNATIONAL A.M.E. ZION MUSIC MINISTRY
THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER..... BISHOP DARRYL B. STARNES
HYMN OF PREPARATION “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

*“1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

*2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain*

*3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Amen.*

THE SERMONBISHOP ERIC LEAKE
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
HYMN OF INVITATION “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

*“1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. *Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.*
3. *My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*
4. *And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.” Amen.*

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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COMMUNION HYMN “THERE IS A FOUNTAIN”

- “1. There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.*
- 2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.*
- 3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,*

*Till all the ransomed Church of God
 Be saved, to sin no more:
 Be saved, to sin no more,
 Be saved, to sin no more;
 Till all the ransomed Church of God
 Be saved to sin no more.*

*4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
 Thy flowing wounds supply,
 Redeeming love has been my theme,
 And shall be till I die:
 And shall be till I die,
 And shall be till I die;
 Redeeming love has been my theme,
 And shall be till I die.*

*5. When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
 Lies silent in the grave,
 Then in a nobler, sweeter song
 I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
 I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,
 I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
 Then in a nobler, sweeter song
 I'll sing Thy pow'r to save." Amen.*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF PARDON: "Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY CLERGY AND CONGREGATION
 "Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS: We do not presume to come to this, Thy holy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up crumbs under Thy table; but Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy, grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that we may live and grow thereby, and that being washed through His blood, we may evermore dwell in Him and He is us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION: "Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by His oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect, and

sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death until His coming again; grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy dear Son our Savior Jesus Christ's Holy Institution, in remembrance of His death and passion; may be partakers; of His Most blessed body and blood, who in the same night He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying take, eat, for this is my body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins, do this, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen."

THE PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION CLERGY AND CONGREGATION

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee. O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, ever more praising Thee, and saying Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF SACRIFICE: O, Lord, our heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants desire Thy Fatherly goodness and mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant that, by the merits and death of Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ and through faith in His blood, we and Thy whole church may obtain the remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion, and we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSISCLERGY AND CONGREGATION STANDING

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward 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 takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou 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 are 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.

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