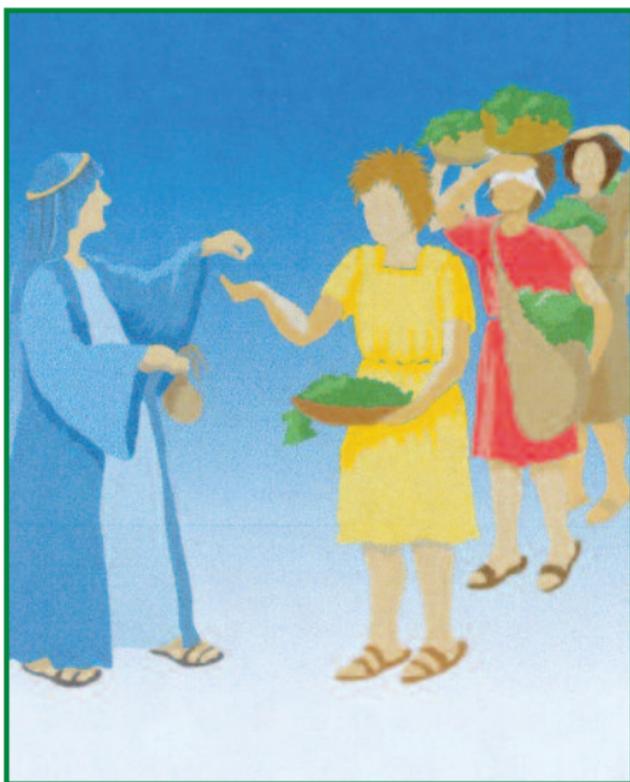


**THE  
'FARNWORTH'  
SUNDAY MASS BOOK**

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### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** or a hymn

*Stand*

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest greets everyone present.*

*The people respond:* **And with your spirit.**

*The Mass of the day may be introduced.*

### Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance using one of the Penitential Acts.*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy.** *Or:* **Kyrie, eleison.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.

**Christ, have mercy.** *Or:* **Christe, eleison.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

**Lord, have mercy.** *Or:* **Kyrie, eleison.**

*The Priest says the absolution. All reply:* **Amen.**



## The Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Ps 144:2-3.8-9.17-18. R. v18

### **R) The Lord is close to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Blessings on the King who comes**  
**in the name of the Lord!**  
**Peace in heaven**  
**and glory in the highest heavens!**  
**Alleluia!**

Lk 19:38

## Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too". In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your

earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Homily**

*Sit*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Stand*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

**consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.***

*All bow*

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.**

I 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 adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayer of the Faithful**

*Response example:* Lord, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*After the concluding prayer all say: Amen.*

*Sit*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*The offerings are brought to the altar.  
A hymn may be sung.*

*If the Priest says the two prayers of offering aloud the  
response both times is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Priest completes additional personal preparatory rites,  
and the people rise as he says:*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*The people reply:*

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

## Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
that what they profess with devotion and faith  
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## The Eucharistic Prayer



## Preface VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time

### Salvation through the obedience of Christ

*(The Priest may use a different Preface.)*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you so loved the world  
that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer,  
to live like us in all things but sin,  
so that you might love in us what you loved in  
your Son,  
by whose obedience we have been restored to  
those gifts of yours  
that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he  
 who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

## Eucharistic Prayer I

*Kneel*

*(The Priest may use a different Eucharistic Prayer.)*

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,  
 we make humble prayer and petition  
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:  
 that you accept

and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,  
 these holy and unblemished sacrifices,  
 which we offer you firstly  
 for your holy catholic Church.

Be pleased to grant her peace,  
 to guard, unite and govern her  
 throughout the whole world,  
 together with your servant N. our Pope  
 and N. our Bishop,  
 and all those who, holding to the truth,  
 hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N.  
 and all gathered here,  
 whose faith and devotion are known to you.  
 For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
 or they offer it for themselves  
 and all who are dear to them:  
 for the redemption of their souls,  
 in hope of health and well-being,  
 and paying their homage to you,  
 the eternal God, living and true.

In communion with those whose memory we venerate,  
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,  
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,  
Peter and Paul, Andrew, [...]  
and all your Saints;  
we ask that through their merits and prayers,  
in all things we may be defended  
by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family;  
order our days in your peace,  
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation  
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray,  
to bless, acknowledge,  
and approve this offering in every respect;  
make it spiritual and acceptable,  
so that it may become for us  
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,  
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,  
and with eyes raised to heaven  
to you, O God, his almighty Father,  
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

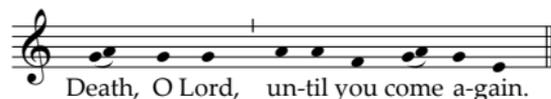
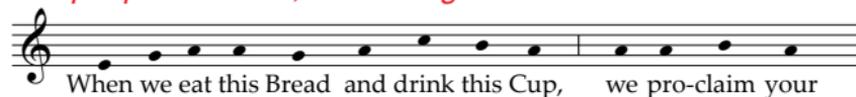
In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took this precious chalice  
in his holy and venerable hands,  
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

*The people continue, acclaiming:*



Therefore, O Lord,  
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,  
the Resurrection from the dead,  
and the glorious Ascension into heaven  
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
we, your servants and your holy people,  
offer to your glorious majesty  
from the gifts that you have given us,

this pure victim,  
this holy victim,  
this spotless victim,  
the holy Bread of eternal life  
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings  
with a serene and kindly countenance,  
and to accept them,  
as once you were pleased to accept  
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,  
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:  
command that these gifts be borne  
by the hands of your holy Angel  
to your altar on high  
in the sight of your divine majesty,  
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar  
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N.,  
who have gone before us with the sign of faith  
and rest in the sleep of peace.  
Grant them, O Lord, we pray,  
and all who sleep in Christ,  
a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,  
hope in your abundant mercies,  
graciously grant some share  
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:  
with John the Baptist, Stephen,  
Matthias, Barnabas, [...]   
and all your Saints;  
admit us, we beseech you,  
into their company,  
not weighing our merits,  
but granting us your pardon,  
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom  
you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;  
you sanctify them, fill them with life,  
bless them, and bestow them upon us.



Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all glo-ry and hon-our is yours,  
for ev - er and ev-er. R. A-men.

*Stand*

## The Communion Rite

*The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

*The Priest continues alone:*

Deliver us ... our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*

Lord Jesus Christ... **Amen.**

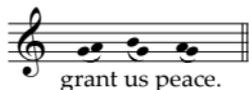
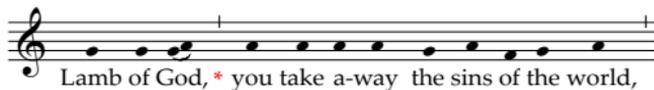
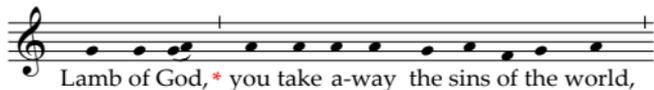
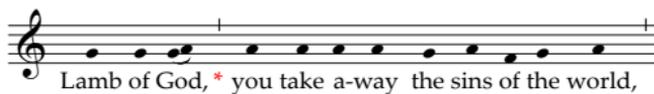
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace

*The Priest takes the host and breaks it.  
Meanwhile the people say or sing:*



*Kneel*

*The Priest shows the host to the people and says:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest or other minister says to each communicant:*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

*Each communicant answers:* **Amen.**

### **Communion Antiphon**

Ps 118: 4-5

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

*After the distribution of Holy Communion a sacred silence  
may be observed or a psalm, hymn or canticle of praise may  
be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand*

Graciously raise up, O Lord,  
those you renew with this Sacrament,  
that we may come to possess your redemption  
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Announcements may be made.*

*Then:*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God**

*Or:*

*Or:*

*Or:*



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