

# THE 'FARNWORTH' SUNDAY MASS BOOK

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### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** or a hymn

*Stand*  
*Cf. Is 66: 10-11*

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

*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

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father  
and to one another:

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

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

You heal the wounds of our sin and division:

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

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

You intercede for us with the Father:

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

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

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## The Collect

O God, who through your Word  
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,  
grant, we pray,  
that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
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 first book of Samuel      16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Ps 22. R.v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
 there is nothing I shall want.  
 Fresh and green are the pastures  
 where he gives me repose.  
 Near restful waters he leads me,  
 to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

He guides me along the right path;  
 he is true to his name.  
 If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
 no evil would I fear.  
 You are there with your crook and your staff;  
 with these you give me comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
 in the sight of my foes.  
 My head you have anointed with oil;  
 my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
 all the days of my life.  
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
 for ever and ever. **(R)**

**Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14  
 You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Stand*  
Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord:  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**Gospel**      *Shorter form*      John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?'

And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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**

*All bow*

***was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.***

**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.*

*The Priest may say the following two prayers silently.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands  
it will become our spiritual drink.

**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

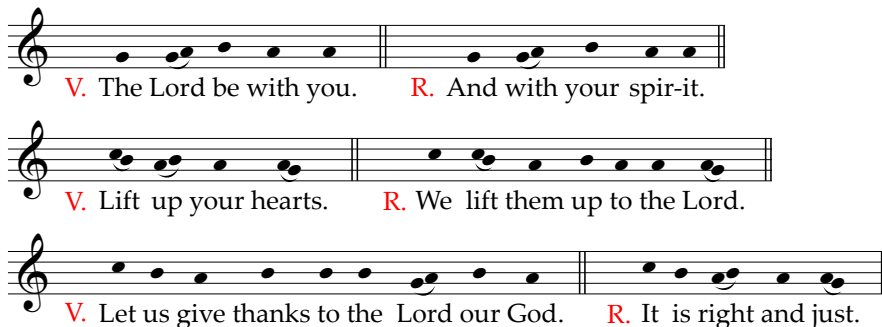
We place before you with joy these offerings,  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,  
praying that we may both faithfully revere them  
and present them to you, as is fitting,  
for the salvation of all the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## The Eucharistic Prayer



V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

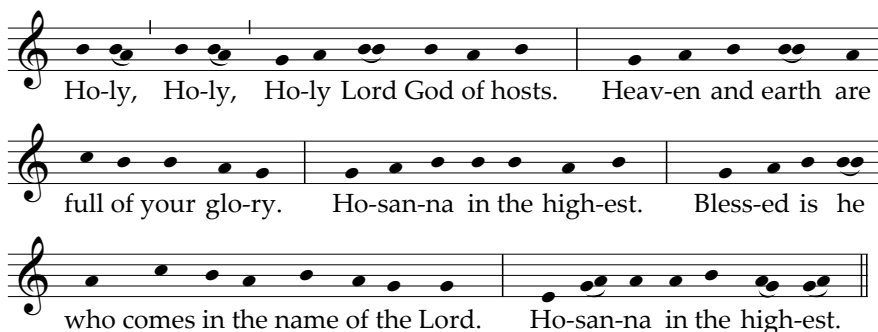
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

## Preface: The Man Born Blind.

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,  
 through Christ our Lord.

By the mystery of the Incarnation,  
 he has led the human race that walked in darkness  
 into the radiance of the faith  
 and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin  
 through the waters of regeneration  
 to make them your adopted children.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth  
 sing a new song in adoration,  
 and we, with all the host of Angels,  
 cry out, and without end 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 III

*Kneel*

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

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and all you have created  
rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy,  
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:  
by the same Spirit graciously make holy  
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,  
that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

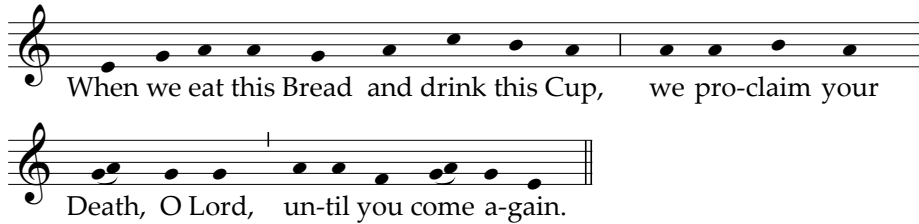
For on the night he was betrayed  
he himself took bread,  
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice,  
and 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:*



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your  
Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial  
of the saving Passion of your Son,  
his wondrous Resurrection  
and Ascension into heaven,  
and as we look forward to his second coming,  
we offer you in thanksgiving  
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church  
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death  
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,  
grant that we, who are nourished  
by the Body and Blood of your Son  
and filled with his Holy Spirit,  
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.  
May he make of us  
an eternal offering to you,  
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,  
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs  
and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence  
we rely for unfailling help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord,  
 advance the peace and salvation of all the world.  
 Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
 your pilgrim Church on earth,  
 with your servant N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,  
 the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,  
 and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,  
 whom you have summoned before you:  
 in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
 gather to yourself all your children  
 scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters  
 and to all who were pleasing to you  
 at their passing from this life,  
 give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
 There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory  
 through Christ our Lord,  
 through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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

*Stand*

*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, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*The Priest says:*

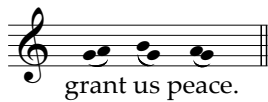
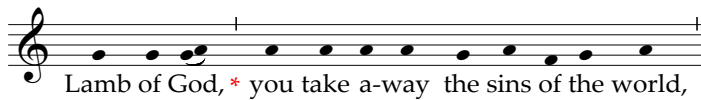
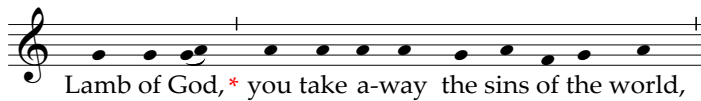
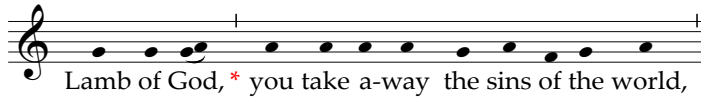
Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**  
The peace of the Lord be 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

Cf. Jn 9: 11, 38

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,  
I saw and I believed in God.**

*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*

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,  
illuminate our hearts, we pray,  
with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may always ponder  
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and love you in all sincerity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Announcements may be made.*

*Then:*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

## Prayer over the People

*The Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Bow down for the blessing.

*The Priest continues:*

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,  
and sustain the weak;  
give life by your unfailing light  
to those who walk in the shadow of death,  
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil  
to reach the highest good.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**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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