



Liturgy and Prayer Book

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary
Council of the Catholic Church in Australia

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."

MONDAY 4 JULY 2022, 6.00 PM
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY

ASSEMBLY



Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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Prayer

Creating and Redeeming God,
beneath the Southern Cross and in its light
you have called together a people for Christ
among the many peoples of this land;
you have made us new in the image of Jesus, your beloved Son,
and breathed into us the Spirit of sons and daughters of God.

Look on the face of your Church in Australia today:
see our brokenness and sorrow
for the crimes of abuse and hardness of heart
that have wounded so many individuals and families;
see our hope for the future and longing for your kingdom,
and give us new hearts – hearts of flesh not of stone –
that we might burn with your divine love for the world.

Teach us to read the sign of the times in the light of the Gospel,
with deep listening and patient discernment,
and send your Spirit to lead us into all truth,
that the journey of the Fifth Plenary Council
may strengthen the participation and communion
of all members of the Church in this land,
and raise up a living witness to your presence
among all peoples and through all creation.

Mary, Mother of the Church and Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

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Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

The Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian Rite)

Presider: Most Rev. Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul

Homilist: Bishop Bosco Puthur, Syro Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle

The bishops and concelebrants enter the Cathedral.

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord now and for ever.**

Bishop: O Lord, O Lord, look down from heaven and see; visit this vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and perfect it, O Lord. And may Your hand be upon the son of man whom You have strengthened for Yourself.

People: **εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα [Is polla eti Despota]**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Priest: Blessed be the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: For the peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: For peace throughout the world, for the well-being of God's holy churches and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, and reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: For the most holy universal Pontiff, Francis, Pope of Rome, his Beatitude our Patriarch Sviatoslav, Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony, our God-loving Bishop Mykola, the reverend priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: For our nation under God, for our government, and for all the military, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this city and for every city and country and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For favourable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the seafarers and travellers, for the sick and the suffering, for those held captive, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the people here present who are awaiting the grace of the Holy Spirit, in order that they may become His temples and dwelling-place, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That our faith and irreproachable love be preserved though the grace of the Holy Spirit and that we be shown to be partakers of His divine nature, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That we may receive forgiveness of sins and the knowledge of spiritual grace and not be deprived of the Holy Spirit on the terrible and just day of the judgment of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and misfortune, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Remembering our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Bishop: For all glory, honour, and worship befit You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength, Your enemies will flatter You."

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most High!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn to the Incarnate Christ.

Only-begotten Son and Word of God, You are immortal, and You willed for our salvation to be made flesh of the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and without change You became man.

You were crucified, O Christ our God, and trampled death by death. You are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Priest: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God by Your grace.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Remembering our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: **To You, O Lord.**

Bishop: For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

THIRD ANTIPHON

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Priest: Wisdom! Stand aright.

People: **Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.**

Bishop blesses with the trikirion and dikirion in the form of a cross; first east, towards the altar, then west, south and north.

Bishop: O Christ, the true light that illuminates and sanctifies everyone who comes into the world.

People: **εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα [Is polla eti Despota]**

Bishop: May the light of Your countenance be sealed upon us. That walking in it, we may behold the light of Your inaccessible glory.

People: **εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα [Is polla eti Despota]**

Bishop: Guide our steps for the work of Your commandments.

People: **εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα [Is polla eti Despota]**

Bishop: Through the intercession of Your All Pure Mother, save us, Christ our God.

People: **εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα [Is polla eti Despota]**

Bishop takes the censer, incenses the four sides of the holy table, and the high place. The priest leads him, holding the trikirion.

Concelebrants: **Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia. (3)**

TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

People: *Troparion (Tone 2):*
O God, Creator and Maker of all,* hastily direct through Your blessing the work of our hands,* which we are beginning for Your glory,* and save us from all evil,* because You are the only Almighty and lover of mankind.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, (Tone 6):
Quick in intercession and strong in help,* O Holy Spirit come today by the grace of Your strength* and through Your blessing make us strong,* and help us Your servants resolve to do good.* Because whatever You desire, you can create as the powerful God.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 6):
Undaunted patroness of Christians,* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,* but in Your kindness come to help us who cry out to You in faith.* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,* for You are ever the patroness of those who honour You, O Mother of God.

Bishop: For You, our God, are holy, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE THRICE-HOLY HYMN

People: **Holy God. Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. (2).**

Concelebrants: **Άγιος ο Θεος, αγιος ισχυρος, αγιος αθανατος,ελεησον ήμας**

People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God. Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.**

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Bishop: Peace be with all.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

People: *Prokeimenon (Tone 4):*
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands (Ps 89:17)

Verse: Let thy work be manifest to thy servants, and thy glorious power to their children. (Ps 89:16)

People: *Prokeimenon (Tone 4):*
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands (Ps 89:17)

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Reader: *Brethren*, there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Bishop: Peace be with you. Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

People: **Alleluia,**

Verse: May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion. (Psalm 19:3)

Verse: May he grant you your heart's desire. (Psalm 19:5)

Priest: Wisdom! Stand aright! Let us listen to the holy Gospel.

Bishop: Peace be with all.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

People: **Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.**

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Priest: The Lord said to His disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you." (Jn 14:15-17)

People: **Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.**

People: **εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα. (Is polla eti Despota)**

Homily

Priest: Let us all say with our whole soul and our whole mind, let us say.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Almighty Lord, God of our Fathers, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, in the greatness of Your compassion, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: We also pray for the most holy universal Pontiff, Francis, Pope of Rome, his Beatitude our Patriarch Sviatoslav, Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony, our God-loving Bishop Mykola, for those who serve and have swerved in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brethren in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: We also pray for our nation under God, for our government, and for all the military.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: We also pray that the Lord God send down His Holy Spirit upon the Ukrainian nation and give them endurance in faith, hope and love in these times of trial; that He grant peace and liberate Ukraine from all enemies, so that they can in justice and truth glorify our good and merciful God; For God's care over all the armed forces who perform their duty to protect Ukraine; For those who suffer as a result of hostilities: for the injured, for the displaced; for those who have lost their relatives, homes, and property; For all those who are in the conflict zone, that the Lord God defend and heal them, preserve them from all disasters and give them His grace. We pray you, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: We also pray that the Lord God grant peace and glory to Ukraine, our homeland. That He grant her deliverance from enemy invasion and all evils attacks; that He turn all our sorrow and groans into joy and gladness, and our troubles into lasting peace, and make our people invincible to all their hostile attacks. We pray you, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: We also pray that the Lord God destroy the shields, weapons and strength of all the forces of the enemy and throw them under the feet of our Christ-loving army; that He send Ukraine deliverance from the invasion of foreigners, and salvation and victory to all our soldiers; that He grant lasting peace to His people, Church and Country. We pray you, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: We also pray for the people here present who await Your great and bountiful mercies, for those who have been kind to us, and for all orthodox Christians.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Bishop: For You are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Again and again in peace let the faithful pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Wisdom!

LITURGY OF OFFERING

Bishop: So that always protected by Your might, we may give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen. Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the Thrice-holy Hymn to the life-giving Trinity, now lay aside all cares of life.

1st Priest: May the Lord God remember in His kingdom all you orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

2nd Priest: May the Lord God remember in His Kingdom our God loving Bishop Mykola, always, now and for ever and ever.

The bishop incenses and receives the chalice saying.

Bishop Mykola: May the Lord God remember in his kingdom the most holy universal Pontiff, Francis, Pope of Rome, his Beatitude our Patriarch Sviatoslav, Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony, the God-loving Archbishops and Bishops, all the priestly, diaconal and religious orders; our nation under God, our government and all the military; the noble and ever-to-be remembered founders and benefactors of this holy church; and all you, orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen. That we may receive the King of all, escorted invisibly by ranks of angels. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα. (Is polla eti Despota)

Priest: Let us complete our prayer to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the precious gifts that have been presented, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and misfortune, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: Through the mercies of Your only-begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us love one another so that we may be of one mind in confessing.

People: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being and undivided.

Priest: The doors, the doors! In wisdom let us be attentive.

People: I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfilment of 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE ANAPHORA

Priest: Let us stand well, let us stand with fear; let us be attentive to offer in peace the holy oblation.

People: The mercy of peace, the sacrifice of praise.

Bishop: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

People: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Let us lift up our hearts

People: We have lifted them to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right and just to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being and undivided.

Bishop: Singing, crying, exclaiming, and saying the triumphal hymn.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord of Sabaoth, 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!

Bishop: TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

People: Amen.

Bishop: DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU. THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

People: Amen.

Bishop: WE OFFER TO YOU, YOURS OF YOUR OWN, IN BEHALF OF ALL AND FOR ALL.

People: We sing of You, we bless You, we thank You, O Lord, and we pray to You, our God.

Bishop: Especially, for our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary. People: It is truly right to bless you, O God-bearing One, as the ever-blessed and immaculate Mother of our God. More honourable than the cherubim and by far more glorious than the seraphim; ever a virgin, you gave birth to God the Word, O true Mother of God, we magnify you. Bishop: Among the first, remember, O Lord, most holy universal Pontiff, Francis, Pope of Rome, his Beatitude our Patriarch Sviatoslav, Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony, the God-loving Archbishops and Bishops.

Then the first priest immediately says:

Priest: Remember, O Lord, our God-loving Bishop Mykola. For the sake of Your holy churches grant that they may live in peace, safety, honour and health for many years, and rightly impart the word of Your truth.

People: And remember all men and all women.

Bishop: And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and sing the praises of Your most honoured and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Bishop: And may the mercies of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, be with all of you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Having remembered all the saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the precious Gifts which have been presented and consecrated, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That our loving God, Who has received them as a spiritual fragrance upon His holy, heavenly and mystical altar, may send down on us in return His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and misfortune, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: For the forgiveness and remission of our sins and offences, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: For all that is good and beneficial for our souls and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: That we may spend the rest of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: For a Christian end to our lives, one that is painless, unashamed, and peaceful; and for a good defence at the awesome tribunal of Christ, let us ask the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Having asked for unity of the faith and for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop: Make us worthy, O Master, with confidence and without condemnation to dare call You, the heavenly God, Father, and say:

People: 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.

Bishop: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with all.

People: And with Your spirit.

Priest: Bow your heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord.

Bishop: Through the grace, mercies and loving-kindness of Your only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed together with Your most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Let us be attentive!

The bishop, elevating the holy Bread, exclaims.

Bishop: The holy Things for the holy!

People: One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Communion verse: **For thy steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to thee. (Psalm 26:4)
Alleluia (3)**

People: I believe, O Lord, and confess that You are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first.

Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You:

Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom. Remember me, O Master, when You come into Your kingdom. Remember me, O Holy One, when You come into Your kingdom.

May the partaking of Your Holy Mysteries, O Lord, be unto me not for judgment or condemnation but for the healing of soul and body.

God, be merciful to me, a sinner. God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me. I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord.

Priest: Approach with the fear of God and with faith.

People: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, God the Lord has appeared to us.

HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop: Save Your people, O God, and bless
Your inheritance.

People: Master, may God grant you many years.

Then: **We have seen the true light. We have received
the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true
faith. We worship the undivided Trinity for
having saved us.**

*The bishop makes a bow, takes the holy chalice, turns to the
doors facing the people, and says in a low voice:*

Bishop: Blessed be our God.

And aloud.

Bishop: Always, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Then: **May our mouths be filled with your praise,
O Lord, that we may sing of Your glory. For You
made us worthy to partake of Your holy, divine,
immortal and life-giving Mysteries. Preserve us
in Your holiness that we may meditate all the
day upon Your justice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Priest: Stand aright! Having received the divine, holy,
immaculate, immortal, heavenly, and life-giving,
awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us rightly give
thanks to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help and save, have mercy and protect us,
O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Having asked that this whole day may be perfect,
holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend
ourselves and one another, and our whole life to
Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Bishop: For You are our sanctification and we give glory
to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for
ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of the Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You bless those who bless You, O Lord, and
sanctify those who trust in You. Save Your people
and bless Your inheritance. Protect the fullness
of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the
beauty of Your house and glorify them by Your
divine power. Do not forsake us who hope in You.
Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches,
to the priests, to our nation under God, to our
government, and to all Your people. For all
good giving and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from You, the Father of Lights. And
we give glory, thanks, and worship to You, Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Then: **Blessed be the name of the Lord now and for ever. (3)**

Bishop: The blessing of the Lord be upon you with His grace and love for mankind, always, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our hope, glory be to You.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3) Master, give the blessing.

Bishop: Christ our true God, risen from the dead, through the prayers of His Immaculate Mother, through the prayers of the holy, glorious and all-praiseworthy apostles, our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, all the blessed of Ukraine and of all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

People: Amen.

The bishops and concelebrants leave the Cathedral.

Prayer of Petition to The Holy Spirit

A prayer used before every session of the Second Vatican Council.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.
Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength
to know your will,
to make it our own
and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God,
sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favour.
Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name
may we temper justice with love,
so that all our decisions
may be pleasing to you,
and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful servants,

Amen.



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

