



## *Feast of St. Phoebe – January 27th*

C = Congregation

D = Deacon or Subdeacon

R = Reader

### **HYMN & INTROIT**

D. (+) In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

C. Amen.

D. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

### **LCC CONFITEOR**

All. O LORD, You created us to be immortal and made us to be an image of Your own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But You, O LORD, made us for Yourself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in You. Look with the eyes of Your love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted

mirror of Your power and the image of Your goodness; through Christ our LORD. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

- D. May the LORD bless us and ( + ) absolve us from our sins; and may His peace rest upon us this day and evermore.
- C. Amen.

## **PRAYERS**

### **Of Adoration**

- D. We adore You, O ever-living God, and render praise unto You for having spread out the heavens and established the earth. Your glory is revealed in the heavens above and Your majesty is manifested throughout the earth. You are God and no one else, and so in awe and wonder we bow our heads and magnify You, the Eternal, the Holy One, the Ever Blest.
- C. Amen.

### **Of Confession**

- All. Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere; before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities; before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices for lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

### **Of Thanksgiving**

- D. O God, whose never-failing love orders all things, we praise You, we glorify You, and thank You for all that You are and all that You do, both by day and by night. We thank You for reason and for conscience; for nurture and for guidance; for all the gifts of nature and of grace; for forbearance and long-suffering, and Your tender mercies which never fail; for all good things received, and for Your promises of hope and salvation in this time and in times to come. For all these, and for all other mercies known or unknown, remembered or forgotten, we give thanks

unto You now and for evermore.

C. Amen.

## **PSALM 100 CEV**

### *Jubilate Deo*

R. Shout praises to the LORD,  
everyone on this earth.

C. Be joyful and sing  
as you come in  
to worship the LORD!

R. You know the LORD is God!  
He created us,  
and we belong to him;  
we are his people,  
the sheep in his pasture.

C. Be thankful and praise the LORD  
as you enter his temple.

All. The LORD is good!  
His love and faithfulness  
will last forever.

D. (+) Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## **THE COLLECTS**

D. Filled with your Holy Spirit, gracious God, your earliest disciples served you with the gifts each had been given: Lydia in business and stewardship, Dorcas in a life of charity and Phoebe as a deacon who served many. Inspire us today to build up your Church with our gifts in hospitality, charity and bold witness to the Gospel of Christ; who lives

and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Hebrew Bible Passage / Malachi 3:16-18 CEV**

R. All those who truly respected the LORD and honored his name started discussing these things, and when God saw what was happening, he had their names written as a reminder in his book.

Then the LORD All-Powerful said: You people are precious to me, and when I come to bring justice, I will protect you, just as parents protect an obedient child. Then everyone will once again see the difference between those who obey me by doing right and those who reject me by doing wrong.

R. The word of the LORD.

C. Thanks be to God.

### **New Testament Reading / Romans 16:1-2 CEV**

R. I have good things to say about Phoebe, who is a leader in the church at Cenchreae. Welcome her in a way that is proper for someone who has faith in the Lord and is one of God's own people. Help her in any way you can. After all, she has proved to be a respected leader for many others, including me.

R. The word of the LORD.

C. Thanks be to God.

### **New Testament Gospel / Mark 3:31-35 CEV**

D. Jesus' mother and brothers came and stood outside. Then they sent someone with a message for him to come out to them. The crowd sitting around Jesus told him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are

outside and want to see you.”

Jesus asked, “Who is my mother and who are my brothers?” Then he looked at the people sitting around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who obeys God is my brother or sister or mother.”

- D. The Gospel of the LORD.
- C. Praise to you, LORD Jesus Christ.

### **HYMN & HOMILY**

#### **LCC ACT OF FAITH**

All. We believe that God is love and power and truth and light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach his feet, however far they stray. We hold the fatherhood of God, the family of humankind; we know that we do serve Him best when we serve one another. So shall His blessing rest on us and peace for evermore. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- D. We pray for those known to us who have need of prayer.  
For...  
For...  
And for...

D. \_\_\_\_\_ C.

God, You made us.  
God, You saved us.  
God, You called us.  
God, You empowered us.  
God, You encouraged us.  
God, You sent Your prophets.

We exist.  
For we had fallen.  
We are here.  
We can do.  
We can serve.  
We will listen. Amen.

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All. 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.

*[ A Hail Mary may be said by all. ]*

### **THE BLESSING & HYMN**

- D. O LORD Jesus Christ, who said to Your Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Your Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Your Will; Who lives and reigns for ever, one God, world without end.
- C. Amen.
- D. (+) The blessings of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Ghost, be with everyone today and every day.
- C. Amen.



*Please pray for your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC and the International Liberal Catholic Fellowship (ILCF).*

*This service is loosely based on the selected readings from The Episcopal Church USA.*

*Membership in the Order of St. Phoebe is open to all Subdeacons and Deacons in the ILCF.*

