

# A Gnostic Divine Liturgy of Peace

## First Blessing

*The Priest prays silently while approaching the altar, and upon reaching the altar the priest kisses the altar and prays:*

O MYSTERY DEEP, inscrutable, without beginning. Thou hast decked thy supernatural realm as a chamber unto the light unapproachable and hast adorned with splendid glory the ranks of thy innumerable Aeons. With ineffably wondrous power You emanated the Fullness. O Unknowable Presence, preserve your church unshaken, and keep those who invoke Your presence in peace. Amen.

*The priest says the following prayer:*

Blessed is the Fullness of the Father, Mother, and Son and all the Aeons, Emanations, and Powers now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

## Litany of Sophia and Asperses

*The priest asperses those in attendance with holy water, while the deacon leads those in attendance with the following litany:*

In peace let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For the peace from the Fullness and for the acquisition of acquaintance, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For the peace of the whole world and for the union of all peoples, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For this holy place, and for those who with tolerance, reverence, and acquaintance enter therein, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For the House of Independent Bishops, for the holy priesthood, the diaconate, and for all the clergy and the people devoted to Gnosis in its many forms, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For the President, for all civil authorities, and those in public service, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For this city, for every city and country, and for those who in acquaintance dwell therein, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For favorable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For travelers by land, by sea, and by air, for the sick and the suffering, for captives, and for their acquaintance, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

For our deliverance from all suffering, attachment, danger, and adversity, let us pray to Divine Wisdom.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

Help us, preserve us, grant us Peace, and keep us, O Holy Wisdom, by thy loving grace.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

***The priest says the following prayer:***

Remembering the Three women who walked with the Lord – Mary his mother, his sister, and the Magdalene, who is called his companion. For “Mary” is the name of his sister and his mother, and it is the name of his partner. Let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life to Divine Acquaintance as did these Holy Women.

*All:* To thee, O Holy Wisdom.

## **Confession and Prayer for Gnosis**

***The Priest says the following prayer:***

Receive, O Divine Fullness, our supplications by the intercession of thy Holy Wisdom. Hear us, O Logos, and have mercy and understanding. Expiate and remit us our unacquaintance; make us worthy to share in the majesty of the Fullness, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

***The Priest turns to those in attendance:***

I acknowledge and confess before the Divine Wisdom and Holy Reason, Sophia and Logos, and before you, people of the Holy Gnosis, and all within the Fullness, all that I have committed; for I have lived imperfection and unacquaintance, knowingly or unknowingly, and I ask the blessings of Wisdom and Reason to offer the clarity and vision to bring me to Gnosis.

***The Deacon blesses the priest:***

The Blessings of Wisdom and Reason be upon thee, and grant thee reprieve of all thy transgressions of the past and present, and may you be delivered

from those of the time to come and may you grow in living knowledge of the Fullness, and may your life be free of suffering and full of Peace. Amen.

***Those in attendance say in unison:***

I acknowledge and confess before the Divine Wisdom and Holy Reason, Sophia and Logos, and before you, people of the Holy Gnosis, and all within the Fullness, all that I have committed; for I have lived imperfection and unacquaintance, knowingly or unknowingly, and I ask the blessings of Wisdom and Reason to offer the clarity and vision to bring me to Gnosis.

***The Priest blesses those in attendance:***

The Blessings of Wisdom and Reason be upon thee, and grant thee reprieve of all thy transgressions of the past and present, and may you be delivered from those of the time to come and may you grow in living knowledge of the Fullness, and may your life be free of suffering and full of Peace. Amen.

## **Integration of the Elements**

***The Priest turns to the altar and says:***

I pray to the servant of the Source of Peace, the Divine Logos, personification of Reason and Understanding – Divine Son of the Invisible Virgin Spirit – the Anointed, to descend upon us here in Peace and Acquaintance that we may become sources of Peace and rid the world of hate and misunderstanding, bringing others to Living Knowledge now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

***The Priest turns to the Deacon and says:***

That there may be Peace within our Gathering...

***The Deacon turning to the East:***

Is there Peace in the East?

**Response:** There is Peace.

***The Deacon turning to the South:***

Is there Peace in the South?

**Response:** There is Peace.

***The Deacon turning to the West:***

Is there Peace in the West?

**Response:** There is Peace.

***The Deacon turning to the North:***

Is there Peace in the North?

**Response:** There is Peace.

***The Priest faces the people and says:***

Is there Peace within you?

**Response:** There is Peace.

***The Priest prays while facing the altar:***

May the Peace within, the Domain of Spirit, abode of the Divine be upon us.

May the blessings of the Gods, the Shining Ones, the Ancestral Spirits, and

the Spirits of the Land integrate within our being and build a relationship with us as we walk the road of knowledge forever seeking refuge from the stain of ignorance and suffering. May all Divine Energies, Emanations, and Powers be a guide to us leading us ever closer to the abode of the Fullness. Amen.

## **First Reading**

***The Priest turns to those in attendance:***

Let us be attentive.

***The Deacon says:***

Wisdom.

***Reader says:***

The reading is from (*states name of text the reading is from*).

***When the reader is finished the Priest gives a blessing:***

Peace be to you Reader.

## **The Holy Reading**

***The Priest turns to face the altar and says the following prayer:***

O Mystery of Mysteries, Shine the Peace of understanding within our hearts that we may grow in acquaintance and peace. Help us to understand one another, to foster peace with each step and with each breath in loving kindness and knowledge. Amen.

***The Priest then turns to face those in attendance and says:***

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear words of Wisdom made manifest. Peace be with all.

**All:** And with your spirit.

***The Deacon states the following:***

The reading is from (indicates the name of the text). Let us be attentive.

***When the Deacon is finished the Priest gives a blessing:***

Peace be to upon you.

## **Homily**

***If the priest or another speaker intends to speak this is the time to do so.***

## **Litany of the Logos**

***The priest states:***

Let us say with all our body, mind and soul, let us say:

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

***The deacon leads those in attendance with the following litany:***

O Mystery Deep, the Unknowable, we beseech Thee, hear us and grant us peace.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Show understanding upon us, O Logos, according to Thy grace, we beseech Thee, hear us and bring peace.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Furthermore we pray for this country, it's President, its people, civil authorities and those in public service.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Furthermore we pray for the House of Independent Bishops and for all bishops of the Gnosis.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Furthermore we pray for our brethren: priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and for all our brethren in Gnosis.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Furthermore we pray for all people devoted and dedicated to the Earth, the Mother of Material, and the our abode outside of the Fullness.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Furthermore we pray for the blessed ever-memorable and most holy ancestors departed from this life before us, and who rest in peace.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Furthermore we pray for love, life, health, vision, clarity, forgiveness of trespasses against fellow beings, and for peace.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Furthermore we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable rite; for those who labor in its service, for those who sing and for the people here present, who await the blessings of abundant peace.

**All:** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

***The priest prays silently:***

O Holy Silence, the perpetual stillness, the Divine energy within. Accept our prayers as they are offered with a sincere heart and a sincere mind from the body, mind, and soul. Amen.

## **Creed**

***The deacon leads everyone in attendance in the “creed” of the Rite.***

Let us turn our hearts inwards and state the Creed of our own Gnosis.

***All:*** I have faith in my own Gnosis, in the understanding and realization of my own experience of the Divine. I hold tolerance, peace, and justice as the highest of moral truths and struggle to support these virtues in my life. I dedicate myself to the acquisition of divine knowledge, and the betterment of humankind. Amen.

## **Offertory and Consecration**

***The deacon addresses those in attendance:***

Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may present the holy offering in peace.

***The priest turns to those in attendance:***

Blessings of the Fullness of the Father, Mother, and Son and all the Aeons, Emanations, and Powers be upon you now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

***The priest turns to face the altar and prays in a low voice:***

It is proper and just to show honor to thee O Deep Mystery, Holy of Holies, Tranquil Silence. Through you all was emanated, by the first sight of Barbelo to the last Aeon. To the spirits of our ancestors, to the spirits of the land, to the Shining Ones and all beings of Divine Splendor. We pay you honor and reverence, for all things made manifest are a reflection of you. You who are surrounded in the Fullness with countless Aeons, and who exist as the solemn fortitude of the ages. Accept our sacrifice, as we offer Reason unto Reason, in our solemn rite...

***The priest says aloud:***

Singing a song of peace, proclaiming, crying out, and saying:

***All:***

Holy, Holy, Holy, she who is called Meirothea, the incomprehensible womb, the unrestrainable and immeasurable sound.

***The priest says:***

We praise the perfect child, the anointed, the deity, the only-begotten, and we show honor saying:

It exists! It exists!

O child of god! O child of god!

It is this that exists!

O eternal Aeon of the eternal realms,

You who gaze at the eternal realms that you have engendered!

For, you have engendered by your will alone.

Therefore we glorify you.

Ma! Mo!

You are omega, omega, omega! You are alpha! You are being!

O eternal realm of the eternal realm! O eternal realm that gave itself!

Together with the Fullness we proclaim and say: You who are called Meirothea, the incomprehensible womb, the unrestrained and immeasurable sound, secretly in the silence of the ineffable. Father +, Mother +, and Son +, complete unity with the Fullness. Thee who brought forth the anointed to bring light to the darkness, and knowledge to the ignorant. He who came and fulfilled the divine plan, on the night when he spoke to his disciples, he took bread into his holy and pure hands, gave thanks, blessed, sanctified, broke and gave it to his holy disciples and apostles saying:

Take, eat of this all of you, **FOR THIS IS MY BODY.**

*All:* Amen.

***The Priest says:***

Similarly, when the supper was ended, taking also this sacred chalice into His holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to the Ineffable, He blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and drink, for:

**THIS IS MY BLOOD**

The blood of all the slain Gods and Goddesses since the beginning of time, the Mystery of Mysteries, of the Eternal Covenant.

*All:* Amen.

***The Priest says in a low voice:***

Once again we offer to you O Mystery Deep this spiritual worship without the shedding of blood, and we ask, pray, and entreat You: send down Your Holy Spirit, the unrestrained and immeasurable sound, upon us and upon these gifts here presented.

And make this bread the precious Body of Your Christ.

*(He blesses the holy Bread.)*

***The deacon says in a low voice:***

Amen.

***The priest says in a low voice:***

And that which is in this cup the precious Blood of the Anointed One.

*(He blesses the holy Cup.)*

***The deacon says in a low voice:***

Amen.

***The priest says in a low voice:***

Changing them by Your Holy Spirit.

*(He blesses them both.)*

***The deacon says in a low voice:***

Amen. Amen. Amen.

## **The Elevation**

***The priest holds up the Body and Blood saying:***

Should not all people who possess all things know themselves utterly?  
Now, if some do not know themselves, they will not have the use of what they possess; but those who have learned about themselves will do so. Let us partake of these gifts of light to know perfection, to know ourselves utterly and without restraint without ignorance and corruption, to gain closer acquaintance with the Solemn Source of Peace. Amen.

## **Communion**

***The priest and deacon pray before taking communion:***

As you, Radiant Light, gave thyself in Body and Blood, I so too offer myself unto the radiant light, to transform my body and blood into a vessel of peace that the mystery might be complete. Amen.

***As the priest and the deacon distribute communion to those in attendance they say before the communicant:***

Know Thyself.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***After everyone present who desires to has communicated the deacon addresses the people:***

Let us be attentive. Having partaken of the Blessings of Divine Logos let us turn our body, mind, and soul to worthily give thanks.

***All:*** Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Provide Light in darkness, grant us peace, and protect us, O Logos, by your grace.

*All:* Divine Logos, grant us peace.

Having prayed for a perfect, holy, and peaceful day, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Divine Acquaintance in its many forms and representations.

*All:* Divine Logos, grant us peace.

As we grow in self knowledge let each of us radiate love and compassion to all we meet in a spirit of understanding and acceptance.

*All:* Divine Logos, grant us peace.

***The priest says the following:***

All-powerful Lord, Our Father; All-wise Lady, Our Mother; Supernal parents of all that was, and is, and is to come; Sustain us, your children this day. Give us the wisdom to see your path, And the strength to prevail in the darkest hour. We thank you for the joys we have, And for your grace bestowed on us This day and every day. May we thrive and grow in knowledge, wisdom and understanding. Now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Dismissal**

***The priest says:***

Let us depart in peace.

***The deacon says:***

As we depart, let us pray to the Divine Logos for peace.

*All:* Divine Logos, grant us peace.

***The deacon says:***

Again, As we depart let us pray to Holy Sophia for peace.

*All:* Holy Sophia, grant us Peace.

***The priest prays:***

To Thee Lord and Lady, Logos and Sophia, Cosmic Reason and Wisdom, that rules over the fabric of time and who through the Aeons of the Fullness, the Deepest Mystery, and the Eternal Virgin Spirit direct us to a life of self acquaintance to discover the divine within and the divine without. To you do we bow our heads in honor.

Blessed is the name of the Lord and Lady, both now and forever and ever.  
***[Repeat three times.]***

***The priest turns to those in attendance:***

May the blessing of the Fullness of the Father, Mother, and Son and all the Aeons, Emanations, and Powers be upon you now and always and forever and ever. Amen.