

Holy Communion



All God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the
bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn/Song

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

*Words of welcome or introduction
may be said.*

We come from scattered lives to
meet with God.

Let us recognize his presence with
us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

All let us worship him together.

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.

All Amen.

Hymn/Song

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are
hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the
only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your
neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment
greater than these.

On these two commandments hang
all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

An invitation to confession is issued

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence
and faith,

firmly resolved to keep God’s
commandments

and to live in love and peace with all.

receive you,

but only say the word, and I shall
be healed.

Most merciful Lord,

your love compels us to come in.

**Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;**

we were not fit

**even to eat the crumbs from under
your table.**

**But you, Lord, are the God of our
salvation,**

and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse and feed us

**with the precious body and blood
of your Son,**

**that he may live in us and we in
him;**

**and that we, with the whole
company of Christ,**

may sit and eat in your kingdom.

Amen.

*The president and people receive
communion. If you would prefer to
come forward for a prayer of
blessing, please indicate this by
bringing your service sheet with you.
If you are visitor and you usually
receive Communion in your home
church, you are very welcome to do
so here today.*

Prayer after Communion

*The Post Communion prayer will be
said, followed by:*

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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are
one body, because we all share
in one bread.

The Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to

All Father eternal, giver of light and
grace,

we have sinned against you and
against our neighbour,

in what we have thought,

in what we have said and done,

through ignorance, through
weakness,

through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ,

who died for us,

forgive us all that is past;

and lead us out from darkness

to walk as children of light.

Amen.

God's forgiveness is declared

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse you from your sins,

and restore you in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand for the Gloria in Excelsis.

All Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

**almighty God and Father,
we worship you we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

*The Special Prayer for the day (the
Collect) is said,
and all respond:
Amen.*

Readings

Please sit for the first reading.

First Reading

At the end of the first reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in
remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and
celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread
and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of
your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy
gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen
Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout
the world

we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal
song of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in confidence as our
Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away

you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

All You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

All He opened his arms of love upon the cross

and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:

his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

As the Gospel is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Pause for Thought

Hymn/Song

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

All We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is,

seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came

down from heaven,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit

and the Virgin Mary

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

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.

We 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 worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

All Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;

draw us from hatred to love;

make the frailty of our praise

a dwelling place for your glory.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.