

A Service of Holy Communion

¶ We gather

Greeting

We meet in the presence of God,
who knows our needs,
feels our pain and heals our wounds.
The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you

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.**

Confession

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.

**All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have not loved
our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us
in all goodness
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

The Collect

We listen

First reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to N

All: Glory to you, O Lord

At the end -

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Talk

Creed

**All: We believe in God the Father,
through whom every family on earth
is named.**

**We believe in God the Son
who lives in our hearts through faith.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us with power
from on high.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

After each section this response may be used -

God of love,

All: hear our prayer.

¶ We share

The Peace

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord
be always with you

All: and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people
with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,
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

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for 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.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts

for God's holy people.

All: Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer after Communion

All: Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood

of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, we offer you

our souls and bodies

to be a living sacrifice.

Strengthen us in the power

of your Spirit

to live and work

to your praise and glory.

Amen.

¶ We go in joy and hope

The Blessing

The peace of God

which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you
and remain with you always.
All: Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: In the name of Christ. Amen

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