

# ***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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