

# Holy Communion

We gather for worship

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*From Easter day to Pentecost this acclamation follows*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

Opening Prayer

**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.**

We confess our sins

*This summary of the Law may be used*

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.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*A minister uses these or other words as an introduction to*

*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.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

Gloria in Excelsis

*The Gloria is said or sung except during Advent and Lent. Please stand*

**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.**

Kyrie Eleison

*The Kyrie Eleison is said or sung during Advent and Lent*

**Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

The Collect

*This can be found on the News Sheet*

**Amen**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

The Old or New Testament Reading

*At the end of each the reader may say*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

*Please stand. When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

We affirm our faith

**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.**

We join in prayers of intercession  
*This or another response may be used*

Lord, in Your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

The Peace  
*Please stand. The minister introduces the Peace with a suitable  
sentence, and says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table  
God of life, saviour of the poor,  
receive with this money  
gratitude for your goodness,  
penitence for our pride and dedication to your service  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer  
The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,

it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

*The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread**

*Except during Advent and Lent*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace**

*During Advent and Lent*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the World, grant us peace.**

Sharing Communion

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.



*This prayer may be said before the distribution*

**We do not presume  
To come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
Trusting in our own righteousness,  
But in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
So much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.  
But You are the same Lord  
Whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore gracious Lord,  
So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ  
And to drink His blood,  
That our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body  
And our souls washed through His most precious blood,  
And that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.  
Amen**

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Or*

**Father of all  
We give You thanks and praise,  
That when we were still far off  
You met us in Your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, He declared Your love,  
Gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live His risen life;  
We who drink His cup bring life to others;  
We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
So we and all Your children shall be free,  
And the whole earth live to praise Your name;  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Announcements*

**The Dismissal**

The Blessing

*We prepare to go out and serve God in the world*

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.  
**Amen.**

*The minister says*

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

*Or, from Easter Day to Pentecost*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**