

## **Family Service - Communion**

### **Welcome**

### **Song**

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

The bible says "Come close to God and he will come close to you."

**Father, we come together today to worship you, to listen to what you have to say to us, to give thanks for what you have done for us, and to share with you our hopes and needs. Help us to make us more aware of your presence here and when we leave come with us in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Saying Sorry**

**Our Father,  
we are sorry for the wrong thoughts we have had,  
for the wrong words we have said,  
for the wrong things we have done.  
We admit that we have loved ourselves more than you.  
We have loved ourselves more than others.  
We ask you to forgive us.  
Help us to lead new lives in your strength,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love brings us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love.  
**Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

**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 today**

### **Song**

### **Reading**

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel reading**

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

At the end the reader says

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

### **Talk**

#### **Statement of Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?  
**I believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us?  
**I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?  
**I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

### **Prayers**

## **The Peace**

God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

## **Song**

### **Preparation of the Table**

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

### **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.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and cherish.  
You give us your love, even when things go wrong.  
Jesus knew hurt and pain.  
Through him you wipe away our tears,  
and fill us with your peace.  
You give us happy times and things to celebrate.  
In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.  
You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away, you send Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared with his disciples saying:  
'This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'  
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'  
So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us Father, to love one another, as we look forward to the day when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.**

## **The Priest 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.**

## **The Priest says the invitation to communion**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have given us your life, now we give you ours.  
Take us and remake us  
No longer is what we have been important.  
It is what, with you, we can become, starting now. Amen.

## **Blessing**

## **Song**

## **Dismissal**

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