

The Holy Communion

1. *Opening hymn.*

2. *The priest may greet the people. (Stand)*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

3. *A Sentence of Scripture may be read.
(Please refer to the front page of the pew sheet)*

4. *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.

5. *The priest reads aloud the commandments.*

Minister: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

All: Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

6. *'Lord, have mercy' (Kyrie eleison)*

**All: Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

7. *The Confession - Silence may be kept. (Sit or kneel)*

Minister: Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

All: Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8. *The Absolution. Standing, the priest says*

Minister: Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

9. *Gloria in excelsis. It may be omitted during Advent, Lent.*

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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**

Or

During advent and Lent, the following may be said.

**All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us. (3X)**

10. Collect of the Day.

(Please refer to the front page of the pew sheet)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

11. The first reading from the Bible as appointed.

Introduced,

The first reading is taken from the book of ..., chapter ... beginning at verse ..., this reading can be found in page... of the pew Bibles. *(Reader to pause for pew Bible users)*

- At the end the reader may say,

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

12. A psalm appointed for the day, may be read responsively.

Introduced,

We shall read The Psalm ..., beginning at verse... responsively.

13. The second reading from the Bible as appointed.

Introduced,

The second reading is taken from the book of ..., chapter ... beginning at verse ..., this reading can be found in page ... of the pew Bibles. *(Reader to pause for pew Bible users)*

- At the end the reader may say,

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God.

14. The gradual hymn/song.

15. The people stand for the Gospel, which is introduced

Reader: The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to... [chapter...verse...]

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- At the end of the gospel the reader may say,

Reader: This is the gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

16. The Sermon. (Sit)

17. *The Apostle's Creed. It may be omitted on weekdays.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

18. *One or more members of the congregation may pray.*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith:

A. For the nations

We give thanks for... We pray for...

Guide with your wisdom and power the leaders of the nations, so that everyone may live in peace and mutual trust, sharing with justice the resources of the earth. Give the people of this land a spirit of unselfishness, compassion, and fairness.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer.**

B. For the Church

We give thanks... We pray for...

Send out the light and truth of your gospel and bring people everywhere to know and love you. Enable those who minister among us to commend your truth by their example and teaching. May we gladly receive and obey your word.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer.**

C. For those in need

We give thanks... We pray for...

We commend to your fatherly care, merciful God, all who are in sorrow, sickness, discouragement or any other trouble. Give them patience and a firm trust in your goodness. Help those who care for them, and bring us all into the joy of your salvation.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer.**

D. Thanksgiving for the faithfully departed

We give thanks for the life and work of...

We praise you for all your servants whose lives have honoured Christ. Encourage us by their example, so that we may run with perseverance the race that lies before us, and share with them the fullness of joy in your kingdom.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: **Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE & THE OFFERTORY

19. *The Greeting of Peace is introduced..*

Minister: We are the body of Christ.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

20. *An offertory hymn may be sung.*

21. *Prayer over gifts.*

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

22. *Thanksgiving and Consecration.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour, be yours now and always, mighty creator, ever living God. We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever 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.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The memorial acclamation is used here.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.

23. Lord's Prayer is said here before the Communion. The priest says

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

the priest says

[The gifts of God for the people of God.]

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

24. The priest says the following prayer (see the Seasonal Variations).

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you forever.

All: Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

25. The Blessing.

Minister: 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

26. *Notices / Announcements.*

27. *A thanksgiving hymn may be sung.*

OPTIONAL PRAYERS

28. *PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS*

**We do not presume
to come to 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 we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

29. *ALTERNATIVE INTERCESSION (short)*

1. Almighty and ever-living God, we are taught by your holy word to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people: we ask you in your mercy to receive our prayers which we offer to your divine majesty.

2. We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the ways of righteousness and peace, and guide their rulers in wisdom and justice for the tranquillity and good of all. Bless especially our prime minister, cabinet ministers and every elected member of the parliament who exercise authority in this land. Grant that they may impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness and vice, and uphold integrity and truth.

3. We beseech you to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

4. Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers (especially N our bishop and ...), that, by their life and doctrine, they may set forth your true, life-giving word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that they may receive your word with meek hearts and due reverence and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

5. We ask you of your goodness, Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We also bless your holy name for all your servants who have died in the faith of Christ. Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom. Grant this, Father, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**