...all of us, though we are many, are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

...the Lord Jesus, on the night that he was betrayed, took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in memory of me.' In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup and said, 'This is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in memory of me.'

This means that every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(1Corintthians 10:17 & 11:23-26 Good News Bible)



#### **The Welcome**

The Lord be with you All and also with you.

(From Easter Day to Pentecost this follows)

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### Receiving God's forgiveness

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.

#### Or with suitable sentences:

Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

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** 

The Collect (a gathering prayer) is said.

## **Bible Reading**

At the end the reader may say 'This is the word of the Lord.' All **Thanks be to God.** 

When the Gospel is announced the reader gives the page number and the chapter & verse and then says



'Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...'

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end 'This is the Gospel of the Lord' All **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### The Talk

The Creed (what we believe)

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.

#### **Prayers**

These responses may be used 'Lord, in your mercy' All hear our prayer.

And at the end 'Merciful Father.'



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

## **Sharing our Peace**

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

Then an opportunity for us to shake hands with those around us as a sign of the peace we share in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We may use the words, 'peace be with you'.

#### Thanksgiving Prayer One

The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.** 

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.** 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All 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.

The following paragraph may be omitted if a Short Proper Preface is used

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:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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.

## All 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:

# All Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Thanksgiving Prayer Two**

The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.** 

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them 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.

#### **Thanksgiving Prayer Three**

The Lord is here All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.

He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.

Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

All Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

All Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

All Jesus Christ will come again.



Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

#### Amen.

#### **Thanksgiving Prayer Four**

The Lord is here **All His Spirit is with us.** 

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

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

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

All Listen, and we will hear.

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 to cherish.

# One of the following or another suitable sentence may be used

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

Or

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

#### Or

You give us friends and families busy streets for young and old, the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your city to come.

#### Or

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.

#### Or

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:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent 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.

Why do we share this bread and wine? *All* Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember 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.

How do we follow Jesus Christ? *All* Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen.

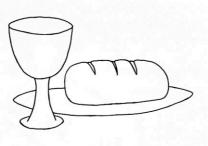
#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Sharing in Communion**

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.

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.



We welcome members of the congregation to come forward as directed by the sides people, to receive the bread and wine or a prayer of blessing (if you want a prayer of blessing please indicate this by keeping your hands to your side). Christians are welcome

to receive the bread and wine. Children who have been baptized but not yet confirmed are welcome to receive the bread and wine with consent of parents/carers and having taken part in a form of preparation which we offer here.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen** 

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen** 

## After communion we say

All 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.

# Going out into the world with God's blessing

Words of blessing are used



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

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