

# Service of Holy Communion

## ***The Gathering and Greeting***

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

*The Priest introduces the service.*

## ***Prayer of Preparation***

**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.**

## ***Prayers of Penitence The people are invited to confess their sins:***

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, Let us now call to mind and confess our sins.

**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.**

*Or, A suitable penitential sentence:*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*God's forgiveness is declared*

## ***Gloria in Excelsis***

**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***

*A short silence is kept before the collect for the day. Amen.*

## ***Readings.***

*At the end the reader says:*  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## ***Gospel Reading All stand for the Gospel***

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

*At the end*

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

## ***Sermon***

**The Creed** Let us declare our faith in God.  
We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high,  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

### **The Prayers of Intercession**

*This response is used during the prayers:*

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 peace**

*The Priest introduces the Peace and then says*

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

### **Preparation of the Table**

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor,  
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

### **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.**

*God's actions in history are recalled.*

*we say:* **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.**

*And then say:* **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

**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.**

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.**

We say: **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.**

**Giving of Communion** *The priest invites the people to receive communion.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer.** *Then all say:*

**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.**

**Blessing. Amen.**

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