# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Gathering*

## Welcome

*The president may say an opening sentence, and then…*

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

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

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

*Words of introduction to the service may be said.*

## 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

*These words of invitation are used:*

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.

**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.**

*The Kyrie may be said*

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

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

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

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

*The Gloria is said.*

**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 Collect (the prayer for the day) is said, all respond*

**Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

## Readings

*At the end of each the reader may say*

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

## Gospel Reading

*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

## The Nicene Creed

**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 of Intercession

*This or other responses may be used*

Lord in your mercy
**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end this prayer may be used:*

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

# *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

## The Peace

*The president may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says*

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

## Preparation of the Table
## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*At the preparation of the table the following or a seasonal prayer may be said.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
**Blessed be God forever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

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

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of 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 praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.
Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**
**Christ is risen:**
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and 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.**

## Breaking of the 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 Agnus Dei is said*

**Lamb of God,**
**you take away the sin of the world,**
**have mercy on us.**

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**you take away the sin of the world,**
**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**
**you take away the sin of the world,**
**grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed**.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion at Home

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,**
**for all the benefits you have given me,**
**for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**
**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,**
**I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.**
**O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,**
**may I know you more clearly,**
**love you more dearly,**
**and follow you more nearly, day by day.**
**Amen.**
(after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester)

## Prayer after Communion

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.*

*We may say together this prayer*

**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.**

## The Dismissal

*This or another suitable blessing is used*

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**

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