

The Gathering

HYMN

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction 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

The President or Sub Deacon introduces the confession with these words.

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who
sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins. *Titus 2: 11-14*

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.

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**

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.**

COLLECT

*The prayer for the day is said after which we all respond
Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

READINGS

Sit for either one or two readings after each we say

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

A canticle, psalm or anthem may follow the first reading.

HYMN

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The following acclamation or an alternative may be used.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world. / *Tim 3: 16*

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Sit

THE CREED

Stand

**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

The President or Sub Deacon introduces the intercessions.

Let us pray

Kneel or sit

This or an alternative response may be used.

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

Stand

The President introduces the peace with these or other suitable words

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold everything has become new.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. *2 Cor 5: 17*
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

HYMN

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine placed upon it.

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [A]

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.

This preface or a seasonal alternative is used.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

We continue with:

**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.**

Kneel or sit

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.

The President or Sub Deacon says:

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Either version of the Lord's Prayer is said.

As our Saviour has 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.**

Or 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**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread:

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung here or during the distribution.

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

**Or Jesus, Lamb of God
have mercy on us.**

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

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

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world
grant us your peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Prayer of Humble Access may be said either by all present or privately.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

*We welcome to communion all who are full members of their own church.
If you would like to come up for a blessing, please bring your Order of
Service with you.*

Hymns and anthems may be sung during the distribution.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The post communion prayer of the day is said, followed by:

**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.**

Stand

HYMN

This may be sung here or at the end of the service.

The Dismissal

BLESSING

The President pronounces this or another suitable Blessing.

Christ the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom:
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.

The ministers and people depart.

APPENDIX I

THANKSGIVING FOR A CHILD

We rejoice today with the family of *N* as they thank God for the gift of their child

God our creator
we thank you for the wonder of new life.
Especially we thank you for *N*
As Jesus knew love and encouragement
within a human family,
so be with these parents
that *N* may grow in strength and wisdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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