

THE GATHERING

Words of welcome or introduction may be said, and a hymn may be sung.

The Greeting

The priest greets the people:

The Lord be with you

All and also with you (or)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows:

Alleluia. Chris is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said:

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.

Prayers of Penitence

The minister invites the people to confession with these or other suitable words.

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.

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)

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.

Kyrie Eleison is used during Advent and Lent.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness on all who are truly penitent.

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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in Excelsis may be used.

**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 priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words let us pray.

The Collect is said and at the end:

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading. At the end of each the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn may be sung.

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

An alternative creed may be used.

All **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 Prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

- The Church of Christ
- Creation, human society, and those in authority
- The local community
- Those who suffer.
- The communion of saints

These responses may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
 hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The priest may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

These words may be added:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

A hymn may be sung. The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. One or both of the prayers of Preparation of the Table may be said:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

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

Or

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you, fruits of the earth and work of human hands like ours. They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of Salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

An alternative Eucharistic prayer may be used. If an extended preface is used it replaces all the words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The priest says:

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. 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.

Short Proper Preface may be said when appropriate.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing.

All **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.**

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.

One of these acclamations is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

OR

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

OR

Christ is the bread of life:

All: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in
glory.**

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.**

Silence may be kept.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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

**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread

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.

Agnus Dei may be used:

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

or

**All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The priest uses one of these invitations to Communion:

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.

(or)

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
of God the Father**

(or)

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**

This prayer may be said before the distribution.

All **We do not presume to come to this 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 our sinful bodies may be
made clean by his body and our souls washed
through his most precious blood, and that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

(or)

**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 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 dear 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.**

*Communicant members of all Christian denominations are
welcome to partake of the Holy Gifts of Bread and Wine.*

All are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive a blessing.

*Authorised words of distribution are used and the
communicant replies*

Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.

All may say one of these prayers.

**All 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.**

OR

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.**

The Dismissal

The priest may use this or another suitable blessing.

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.

All **Amen.**

The priest says:

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.**

The priest and people depart.