

# The Holy Eucharist

## The Gathering of the Community

*All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Or from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost,*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*The following prayer may be said.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*All* to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you 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.

*Then may follow an act of praise: one of the following hymns, or a canticle or other hymn. It is appropriate that the hymn Glory to God be used during the Christmas season and from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, but not during the seasons of Advent and Lent. During Lent it is appropriate that Kyrie Eleison or the Trisagion be used. Other canticles may be found on pp. 72–95.*

## **Glory to God**

*Celebrant*    **Glory to God in the highest,  
All**            **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.**

## **Kyrie Eleison**

*May be sung in three-fold, six-fold, or nine-fold form.*

**Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.**

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

*All stand for the Gospel.*

*Reader*        The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Reader*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to . . .

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*

The Gospel of Christ.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*A silence for reflection may follow.*

*The Nicene Creed shall be said on major festivals. On Sundays either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed is appropriate.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

*Celebrant*    Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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.**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

*Celebrant*    Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

*All*            **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*A deacon or lay member of the community leads the Prayers of the People after the following model. Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for*

*the Church  
the Queen and all in authority  
the world  
the local community  
those in need  
the departed.*

*A short litany may be selected from pp. 110–127. Other prayers are found on pp. 675–684. These prayers may be modified in accordance with local need, or extempore forms of prayer may be used.*

## Confession and Absolution

*The following prayers may be used here if the Penitential Rite was not used before the Gathering of the Community, or if penitential intercessions were not used in the Prayers of the People.*

*The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.*

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*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.**

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

*People*

**Amen.**

*The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on p. 211.*



## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
*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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Or*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,  
*All* **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.**

*Silence*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and may say one of the following:*

*Celebrant* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

*All* **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

**Or 2**

*Celebrant* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Or 3**

*Celebrant* Creator of all,  
you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

*All* **So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

**Or 4**

*Celebrant* "I am the bread which has come down from  
heaven," says the Lord.

*All* **Give us this bread for ever.**

*Celebrant* "I am the vine, you are the branches."

*All* **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

**5 Advent**

*Celebrant* God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*All* **Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

## 6 Incarnation

*Celebrant* We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

*All* **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## 7 Lent and Holy Week

*Celebrant* We break this bread,  
*All* **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Celebrant* Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

*All* **If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

## 8 Easter Season

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

## The Communion

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,*

*People* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The celebrant and people then receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.*

The body of Christ (given for you).

The blood of Christ (shed for you).

*Or*           The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
              The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

*The communicant responds each time, Amen.*

*During the breaking of the bread and the communion, psalms, hymns, and anthems such as those on pp. 226–228 may be sung.*

*At the conclusion of the communion, silence may be kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant*   Let us pray.

*Standing, the community prays in silence. The celebrant may say the Prayer after Communion appointed for the day. At the conclusion of the prayer the congregation says, Amen.*

*Then the following doxology may be said.*

*Celebrant*   Glory to God,  
*All*           **whose power, working in us,  
              can do infinitely more  
              than we can ask or imagine.  
              Glory to God from generation to generation,  
              in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
              for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Or instead of the Prayer after Communion and the doxology, the following may be said.*

*Celebrant*   All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All*           **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body,  
live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup,  
ring 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 that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*The celebrant may bless the people. The deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,*

*People*           **Go forth in the name of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.**

*Or the following:*

*Leader*           **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People**           **Thanks be to God.**

*Or the following:*

*Leader*           **Go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
People**           **Thanks be to God.**

*Or the following:*

*Leader*           **Let us bless the Lord.  
People**           **Thanks be to God.**

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, **Alleluia** is added to the dismissal and the people's response.*