

Common Worship Holy Communion

Easter Season



Structure

The people and the priest

- ₱ greet each other in the Lord's name
- ▼ confess their sins and are assured of God's forgiveness
- ★ keep silence and pray a Collect
- ₱ pray for the Church and the world
- ₱ prepare the table
- ▶ pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- ▶ break the bread
- ▼ receive communion
- depart with God's blessing

¶ The Gathering

Words of welcome

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

All Amen

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

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn

Prayer of Preparation

The deacon invites the people to pray

Let us pray

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 deacon reads the Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God
is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this:

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The deacon uses these or other suitable words

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

I Corinthians 5.7,8

or

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

ΑII 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.

The president says

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

All 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 president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray

Silence is kept

The Collect is said, and all respond

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end of the Scripture readings

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the deacon says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

The deacon says

Let us stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And at the end

AII

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 president introduces the Peace with these or other suitable sentences

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19, 20*

or

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

or

The two disciples told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia. Luke 24.35

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labour and of the skills you have given us.

Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world.

All Blessed be God, for ever.

The president takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. In your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women

the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness,

and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

while angels and archangels

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.

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.

All 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 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.

All Amen.

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

ΑII 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 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.

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

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

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

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion.

Please come forward, as invited, to receive communion. If you are a visitor, and have been baptised, you are very welcome to take communion with us here. If you do not receive communion then we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.
The president leads the Post Communion Prayer

All You have opened to us the Scriptures,
O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

(or)

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.

Hymn

¶ The Dismissal

The president prays

The God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work
to do his will,
and the blessing ...

or

God,
who through the resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing ...

or

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing ...

All Amen.

The deacon says

We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The ministers and people depart.

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