

A Service of Holy Communion

Welcome (Some lines of scripture may be read)

Hymn

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Preparing to hear God's Word

We worship with Christians near and far
living and departed, old and young.

God's word is for all of us.

**May it be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path**

Opening Prayer(all kneel or sit)

Lord, speak to us

that we may hear your word.

Move among us

that we may behold your glory

Receive our prayers

that we may learn to trust you.

The Collect

1st Reading (All sit)

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn or song may be sung

Gospel Reading (All stand)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk or Presentation

Affirming our Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Praying for Ourselves

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for the things we have done wrong and for the right things we have not done.

(All kneel or sit)

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives:

Father forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you

Father forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do
and think and say:

Father forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;

Father forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father forgive us:

Save us and help us.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Praying for Others (All kneel or sit)

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

**for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

The Peace

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

Hymn (offertory)

Sharing at the Table of the Lord

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.

The Lord's Prayer (all kneel or sit)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

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.**

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.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.

**By the power of your spirit keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Hymn

Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; 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.