

# A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The Holy Communion - SECOND ORDER**

**Hymn Praise my Soul the King of Heaven**

**The Greeting.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' Matthew 11.28–29

Let us pray.

**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.**

The Two Great Commandments,  
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord  
your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first  
commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as  
yourself.'

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and  
inviting them to the Lord's table.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true  
heart.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Absolution.**

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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  
Let us pray.**

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters  
we do also for him:  
give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us;  
yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Reading from Genesis 24.34-38, 24.42-49,24.58-67**

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

**Psalm 45.10-17**

10, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:  
forget your own people and your father's house.

**11king desires your beauty:**

**he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.**

12richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:  
shall entreat your favour with gifts.

**13king's daughter is all glorious within:  
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.**

14robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:  
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.

**15are led with gladness and rejoicing:  
they enter the palace of the king.**

16place of your fathers you shall have sons:  
and make them princes over all the land.

**17I will make known your name to every generation:  
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.**

**The Reading from Romans 7.14-25**

This is the word of the Lord

**thanks be to God.**

**Offertory Hymn**

**stand for the Gospel Reading.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
[chapter... verse...]

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Matthew 11.15-19, 11.25-30**

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

**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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Greeting of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Hymn Lord I come to you (Power of your love) or Just as I am**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Thanksgiving and Consecration.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the  
power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross

and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,

we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

**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.**

*The priest breaks the bread.*  
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

*The sacrament is given*

The body of Christ. keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

## **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Living God,  
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

**Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

### **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. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

**Hymn Be though my Vision**