

# Welcome

*Words of welcome and introduction to today's service may be shared.*

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

**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.**

*An opening hymn may be sung.*

## Receiving God's Forgiveness

*One of these two sentences or other words of introduction are used.*

*either*

My brothers and sisters, as we  
prepare ourselves to celebrate  
the presence of Christ in word  
and sacrament, let us call to  
mind and confess our sins.

*or*

Coming together as God's family,  
with confidence let us seek  
restoration from the Lord, for he is  
full of gentleness and compassion.

*A time of silence for reflection.*

**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.**

*One of these two sentences or other words of forgiveness are used.*

*either*

*or*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins, and  
restore you in his image to the  
praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the Father forgive you by  
the death of his Son and  
strengthen you to live in the  
power of the Spirit all your days.

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

*may be said or sung, except during Advent and Lent.*

**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 of the day or another prayer is used.*

# Sharing God's Word

*The Bible readings for this service follow.*

*A hymn may be used before the Gospel reading.*

*A reflection may be preached.*

*We respond in trust, using this creed or another affirmation of faith.*

Let us declare our faith in God, saying

**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 Others

*A time of intercession, where we pray for the world and its needs,  
for the Church and her life, and for those who have asked us for prayer.*

## The Peace

*This sentence or other words of introduction are used.*

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel, peace to those who are far off  
and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The communion table is prepared, during which a hymn may be sung.*

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

The Lord is here.  
**God’s 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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards the world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your  
Word goes out to call us home, to the city where angels sing your praise. We  
join with them in heaven's song.

*either*

**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.**

*or*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of power, Lord of might.  
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.  
Sing hosanna evermore.  
Blest and holy, blest and holy  
he who comes from God on high.  
Raise your voices, sing his glory,  
praise his name for evermore.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of love and words of hope he touched untouchables with faith and washed the guilty clean of shame.

This is his story.

**This is our song. Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song. Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song. Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song. Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen!**

*We sit or kneel for prayer, turning to the Lord's Prayer on page 13.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord is here.

**God’s 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.**

*This section may be replaced with special words for today’s service.*

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

*either*

**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.**

*or*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of power, Lord of might.  
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.  
Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy  
he who comes from God on high.  
Raise your voices, sing his glory,  
praise his name for evermore.**

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.

*either*

Great is the mystery of faith!

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

*or*

Jesus Christ is Lord!

**Lord, by your cross and  
resurrection you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the World.**

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.

**Amen!**

*We sit or kneel for prayer, turning to the Lord's Prayer on page 13.*

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Celebrating the Eucharist  
“at the table in your kingdom”

# Prayer 3

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As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

**God’s 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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and *saying:*

*either*

**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.**

*or*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of power, Lord of might.  
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.  
Sing hosanna evermore.  
Blest and holy, blest and holy  
he who comes from God on high.  
Raise your voices, sing his glory,  
praise his name for evermore.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory. As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight. Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts:

*Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.*

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen!**

*We sit or kneel for prayer, turning to the Lord's Prayer on page 13.*

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Celebrating the Eucharist  
“our light and our salvation”

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# Prayer 4

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

**God’s 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*either*

**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.**

*or*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of power, Lord of might.  
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.  
Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy  
he who comes from God on high.  
Raise your voices, sing his glory,  
praise his name for evermore.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*either*

Great is the mystery of faith!

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

*or*

Jesus Christ is Lord!

**Lord, by your cross and  
resurrection you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the World.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen!**

*We sit or kneel for prayer, turning to the Lord's Prayer on page 13.*

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Celebrating the Eucharist  
“Jesus our saviour, Mary’s child”

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# Prayer 5

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 thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord of power, Lord of might.**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy, he who comes from God on high.**

**Raise your voices, sing his glory, praise his name for evermore.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen!**



*We sit or kneel as the service continues with*

# **The Lord's Prayer**

## *CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE*

**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.  
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.**

## *TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE*

**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.  
Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
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.**

*The communion bread is broken.*

*either*

**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.**

*or*

**We break the bread of life,  
and that life is  
the light of the world.  
God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

# Sharing Communion Together

*This prayer of preparation or the Agnus Dei may be used.*

*either*

**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 from 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 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.**

*or*

**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.  
Amen.**

*One of these invitations or other suitable words are used.*

*either*

This is Christ's table.  
He welcomes all. Come and be fed.  
**Voices old and new,  
Lives young and old.  
This is who we are.  
This is who we are becoming.  
Amen! Together we come!**

*or*

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.



*You are warmly welcomed to receive communion or a blessing. Please put your hands in front of you to receive the bread, if you normally have bread and wine in your own church. Keep your hands at your sides if you would prefer a blessing today. A song may be used during communion.*

## **Prayers after Communion**

Let us pray.

*A prayer for the day may be used and one of these prayers may be used.*

**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.**

**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.**

**God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*A final hymn may be sung.*

*Notices are shared.*

*These words or other some other blessing is given.*

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.**

*or*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*or, from Easter Day to Pentecost*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**



*If you want someone to pray with you before you go home today,  
please ask anyone who took part in the service to help you.*