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There is an induction loop system – switch to 'T' position. Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please ask.



We Gather

We stand at the entry of the choir and clergy for the Gathering Hymn. (All hymns and additional material can be found on the separate sheet.)

> We are members together of the body of Christ; We are children of the same heavenly Father; We are inheritors together of the kingdom of God.

We meet in the name of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

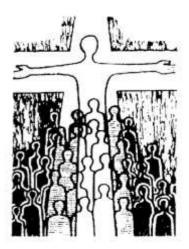
The Greeting

The president greets the people.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

(or)

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



Informal words of welcome.

Prayer of Preparation

In a moment of quiet let's prepare ourselves to talk with God.

Lord God, We know that you are here and that you listen to our prayers. We open our hearts to ask or tell you something which is important to us knowing that we are important to you. Amen.

We ask for God's forgiveness

The deacon invites everyone to call to mind the wrong they have done.

Deacon Let us return to the Lord our God as we say:

We admit that we sometimes say terrible things. We use our words to hurt others and make ourselves look good. We twist our words to avoid telling the truth. We not only say evil things, we do them. We grab what we want without thought for others. We insist on our own way. We cheat and steal and find ways to feel OK about it. Forgive us, Lord. Amen.

or with these or similar requests

Deacon For times when we have taken what we wanted rather than what we need. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

- Deacon For times when we have used people rather than serve them. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
- Deacon For times when we have turned away rather than look on other's needs. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

We receive God's forgiveness

The president uses these or similar words

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

<u>The Gloria</u>

(This is not used during Advent or Lent)

This or an alternative version on the separate sheet may be said or sung.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis. Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Peace on earth to all your people, Lord God, heav'nly King. We worship you, almighty Father, let our voices ring! Sing: *Gloria...*



Jesus, blessèd Lamb of God, To you our voice we raise. You take away our sins, O Lord, Receive our song of praise! Sing: Gloria...

Holy Lord in highest heaven, how our hearts rejoice in God the Father, Son and Spirit, so with loudest voice sing: *Gloria...*

We listen to God's Word

The Collect Prayer for this week

The president reads the appropriate prayer for the week.

We sit to listen to the readings.

The Reading(s)

At the end of each reading

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

A psalm may sometimes be read.

(see separate sheet)

We stand to hear the Gospel. We sing the Gospel Hymn during which we turn to face the gospel reader.

<u>Gospel</u>

Gospeller The Lord be with you and also with you.

Gospeller Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ... Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit to listen to a talk.

The Creed

Deacon Let's stand to declare our faith.

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.



We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

We sit or kneel to pray.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his loving kindness to us all. Let us pray.

We are invited to respond to each prayer in these or similar words.

Lord, receive our praise, And hear your children's prayer.

(or)

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.



At the end of the prayers we say...

Lord of heaven, make us one as you are one, and build us up as your family, sisters and brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

We come to be fed

We stand as the president introduces the peace with these or similar words.

<u>The Peace</u>

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in Christ's name and share his peace.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a handshake with those around us saying 'Peace be with you'.

The Hymn of the Gifts is sung.





(see separate sheet)

Preparation of the Table

The bread and wine for communion are brought to the altar.

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.

This is the table not of the church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because I invite you; it is our Lord. It is His will that those who want him should meet him here.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with youThe Lord is here.and also with you.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.

> for Eucharistic Prayer One turn over to page 10 or for Eucharistic Prayer Two turn to page 12

Eucharistic Prayer One

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 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.

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.

Jesus Christ has died.orGreat is the mystery of faith:Jesus Christ has died.Christ has died:Jesus Christ is risen.Christ is risen:Jesus Christ is risen.Christ will come again.Jesus Christ will come again.Jesus Christ will come again.

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.

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Eucharistic Prayer Two

Young person Why is it right to give thanks and praise? Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

A short additional prayer may be said here

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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 thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Young person Why do we share this bread and wine? Listen, and we will hear. On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'



After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Young person How do we follow Jesus Christ? Listen, and we will hear.

> Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Blessed Mary, St George, [N] and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. Amen.

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We kneel to say the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray..

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

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.



Breaking of the Bread

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.

Lamb of God

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.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All are welcome at the altar.

Please come forward to the altar rail as directed.



If you wish to receive the blessed bread please offer your cupped hands to receive it. Likewise, if you wish to receive the blessed wine please guide the cup and take a sip of wine.

If for any reason you feel unable to receive the blessed bread and wine, please do still come forward to receive a sign of God's blessing – simply bow your head and keep your hands lowered.



Hymns sung during communion can be found on the separate sheet.

Please respect each other's need for silence during this time.

Prayers after Communion

The president reads the After Communion Prayer for the week.

(See separate sheet)

The After-Communion Prayer

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to serve your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The notices and any banns of marriage are read.



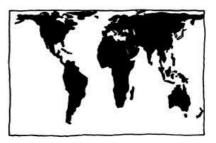
We are sent out into the World

We stand as the president dismisses and blesses the people using these or similar words.

To a troubled world **peace from Christ.**

To a searching world love from Christ.

To a waiting world **hope from Christ.**



The Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;

... and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

The Final Hymn is sung as the choir and clergy leave. (see separate sheet)



Please come and meet each other and enjoy a chat over a cup of fairtrade tea or coffee in the Hall behind the Church.