

# The Gathering

*The president greets the people:*

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

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

## Prayer of Preparation

**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 Commandments

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Honour your father and mother. Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not steal. Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. Let everyone speak the truth.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

# Invitation to Confession

*A minister uses these or other suitable words:*

*From Ash Wednesday to the Saturday after the fourth Sunday of Lent:*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*From the fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week:*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

# The Kyries

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

# The Collect

Let us pray

*A short silence follows.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond:*

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Readings

*Please sit for the readings.*

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Reading

*Please stand.*

*An acclamation may be used, and all respond:*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader may say:*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*and then says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end:*

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

# Sermon

# The Creed

*Please stand.*

**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

*Please sit or kneel.*

*The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

*The Church of Christ*

*Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*

*The local community*

*Those who suffer*

*The communion of saints*

*These responses may be used:*

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

*or:*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*Please stand. A minister introduces the peace.*

*From Ash Wednesday to the Saturday after the fourth Sunday of Lent:*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

*From the fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week:*

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Preparation of the Table

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.  
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.  
One of these prayers or another may be used:*

Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

**Amen.**

*or:*

God of wisdom, may the light of your eternal Word,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;  
we ask this in his name.

**Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please stand.*

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.**

*From Ash Wednesday to the Saturday after the fourth Sunday of Lent:*

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds

we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and *saying:*

*The service continues on the next page with 'Holy, holy, holy...'*

*From the fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week:*

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
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.

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 [N and] 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.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*Please sit or kneel.*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken:*

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

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

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

# Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to communion with these or other words:*

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.**

**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.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*You are welcome to receive communion if you are confirmed or normally do so. A sidesman will show you when to go up.*

*If you do not receive communion please come to the altar rail with your hands crossed and head bowed to receive a blessing.*

*If you have any difficulty coming to the altar, please tell a sidesman, who will be standing in the aisle, and communion or a blessing will be brought to you in your seat.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies:  
Amen.*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

# Prayer after Communion

*The president says the post communion prayer, and all respond:*  
**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.**

## The Dismissal

*Please stand.*

*From Ash Wednesday to the Saturday after the fourth Sunday of Lent:*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*From the fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week:*

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
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 the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain standing while the choir, servers and clergy depart.*

*An organ voluntary may follow.*