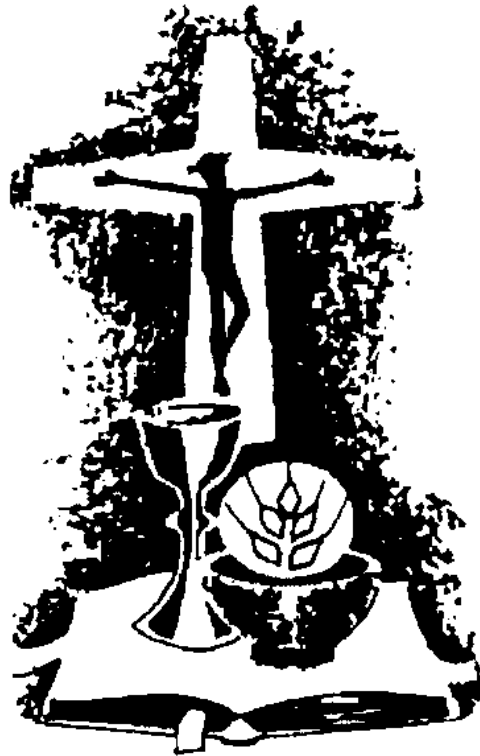


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**The Order for the Eucharist**  
**on Weekdays**  
**in Ordinary Time**

## **PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL USE BEFORE THE LITURGY**

*Please use the time before the service for personal preparation. Some people find it helpful to recollect what they wish to give thanks for, express sorrow for, intercede for or seek help over. Others may like to use the following prayers. There are suggestions for when to stand and sit – but please feel free to remain seated if this is easier.*

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

*Prayer of Preparation*

Most merciful God,  
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.

*Adapted from the Prayer of Humble Access*

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.

*Adapted from the Didache (2<sup>nd</sup> century AD)*

# The Gathering

*At the entry of the clergy some people may stand, but please stay seated if you wish.*

## GREETING

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

*All* **Amen.**

*President* The Lord be with you.

*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction may be said.*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*The president invites the people to confess their sins in these or similar words*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*All call to mind their sins in silence. This confession may be said*

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*or a Kyrie confession may be used – see overleaf.*

*A Kyrie confession may be used, such as the following.*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.     **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.     **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.     **Lord, have mercy.**

*President*   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 COLLECT

*President*   Let us pray.

*After a time of silence, the priest prays the Collect, the prayer of the Church which collects up our own individual prayers, needs and hopes.*

*All respond*   **Amen.**

*Sit.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### READING

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord

*All*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Some people may stand for the Gospel, but please stay seated if you wish.*

### GOSPEL READING

*Minister*   The Lord be with you

*All*           **and also with you.**

*Minister*   Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

*All*           **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*           **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please sit.*

*During the intercessions the following, or similar, responses may be used*

All            Lord, hear us.                            or        Lord, in your mercy  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**                            **hear our prayer.**

*At the end, a prayer or the following may conclude the Intercessions*

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

*Please stay seated if you wish.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### THE PEACE

*The president introduces the Peace in the following or similar words*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

### PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*After the altar has been prepared, the president says this or a similar prayer*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All            **All things come from you  
and of your own do we give you.**

*Some people may stand for the Eucharistic Prayer but please stay seated if you wish.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

*All*           Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

*All*           **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 president recalls the Last Supper.*

*One of these four acclamations may be used*

Great is the mystery of faith:	Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
<b>Christ has died:</b>	<b>Dying you destroyed our death,</b>
<b>Christ is risen:</b>	<b>Rising you restored our life:</b>
<b>Christ will come again.</b>	<b>Lord Jesus, come in glory.</b>

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond*

*All*           **Amen.**

[Prayer A and Prayer G end

*All*           **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.]**

*Please kneel or sit.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All*            **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All*            **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*All*            **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.**

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The president invites the people to receive communion in these or other suitable words.*

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

*All*            **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*All baptized Christians who usually receive communion are invited to do so.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, please carry this service booklet as a sign to the priest.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The president may say a Post Communion prayer. Then all may say*

*All*            **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.**

## The Dismissal

*The president gives the blessing in these or other suitable words.*

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

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.

*All*            **Amen.**

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

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