

Holy Communion

(Pentecost)

We prepare to worship God

O Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
And sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter
By sending us your Holy Spirit,
And made known to every race and nation the way of eternal life;
Open our lips by your Spirit,
That every tongue may tell of your glory,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

We confess our sins to God

What God has prepared for those who love him,
He has revealed to us through the Spirit;
For the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
Who has prepared good things for those who love him.
[1 Corinthis 2:9]

**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**

We are assured of God's forgiveness

May the God of love and power
Forgive us from our sins
Heal and strengthen us by his Spirit
And raise us to eternal life. **Amen**

We listen to the Word of God

At the end of each reading

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

A SERMON may follow

We declare our faith in God

**We believe in one God,
The Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only begotten 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 form 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.

We offer our prayers to God

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son,
Our saviour Jesus Christ.,
Amen.

We remember Jesus' saving death

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
In your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in Him and He in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, He took bread and 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.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: His body is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: His blood is shed for all.

Leader: As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine might be to us the body of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

As our Saviour taught us, so 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.**

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

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

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.

We go out to serve God

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 can be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

God of power,

May the boldness of your Spirit transform us,

May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,

May the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always.

A blessing is said

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ.

Amen