

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INTRODUCTION

Entrance

Hymn 433, *Psalm 104* (HANOVER, *New English Hymnal*)

O WORSHIP the King
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant 1779 - 1838

Acclamation

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Greeting

The priest greets the people

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
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

Prayers of Penitence

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse from all unrighteousness. Let us seek his mercy.

All sit or kneel;

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The priest says this or another absolution

May the Almighty and merciful God have mercy on you, ✠ pardon you, and forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, grant you time for amendment of life, and give you grace and strength to grow in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal. **Amen**

Kyrie Eleison

All sing

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

All stand to sing

Gloria in excelsis

**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 is said

Let us pray.

All sit or kneel

The Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Parish Prayer

God our Father, send your Holy Spirit upon the people of this parish. Give us a greater love for all. Make us more compassionate for the sick, the lonely and all in need, more zealous in the inspiration of the young; more concerned about the wider mission of the Church and more generous in our giving of service and money. Help each one of us to know what we ought to do, and give us strength and courage faithfully to do it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer at the Time of Choosing an Incumbent

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an

encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

All sit for the Readings

THE WORD OF GOD

**The First Reading is taken from the Prophet Zechariah,
Chapter 9, beginning to read from the 9th verse**

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just saviour is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Psalm, Psalm 145, vs. 1 - 7

Sung by the cantor alone, the congregation seated

1. I will magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end of his greatness.

4. One generation shall praise thy works unto another :
and declare thy power.
5. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory,
thy praise, and wondrous works;
6. So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

The **Second Reading** is taken from the **Second Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans**, Chapter 8, beginning at the 9th verse

Brothers and sisters:

You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel

All stand to sing the sequence hymn

Sequence Hymn 374 (ST PETER, *New English Hymnal*)

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,

And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

John Newton, 1725-1807

The Gospel Acclamation is sung

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew,
Chapter 11, beginning to read at the 25th verse**

The deacon or priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and, together with the people, on his forehead, lips, and breast. At the same time the people acclaim

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

After the Gospel

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A sermon or homily is given

The Profession of Faith

All say or sing the profession of faith. Bow or genuflect at the words of the incarnation

**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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

With all our heart, and with all our mind, for the peace which is from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

The people kneel. At the conclusion of each intercession the following is used

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Hear us Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord
**Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen**

THE EUCHARIST

The Greeting of Peace

The priest introduces the greeting in these or other suitable words, the people standing

God is light and in him is no darkness. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory: Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn 303 (SONG 24, *New English Hymnal*)

O Word immortal of eternal God,
Only-begotten of the only Source,
For our salvation stooping to the course
Of human life, and born of Mary's blood;
Sprung from the ever-virgin womanhood
Of her who bare thee, God immutable,
Incarnate, made as man with man to dwell,
And condescending to the bitter Rood;

Save us, O Christ our God, for thou hast died
To save thy people to the uttermost,
And dying tramplest death in victory;
One of the ever-blessèd Trinity,
In equal honour with the Holy Ghost,
And with the eternal Father glorified.

Greek, 6th century
Tr T. A. Lacey, 1853-1931

The gifts of the people are presented, and the bread and wine are placed on the Altar. These prayers may be said

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
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 offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

The priest completes additional personal preparatory rites, and then the priest makes the following invitation to prayer

Pray, brethren that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people reply

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The prayer over the gifts is said

Lord, let this offering to the glory of your name
purify us and bring us closer to eternal life. **Amen**

The people stand

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty, our joy and our salvation, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord.

For he is the true high priest who has freed us from our sins, and made us a royal priesthood to you, our God and Father.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing,

**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 people kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ; Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation.

After the words of institution, when the priest has replaced the chalice on the Altar and genuflected.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Glenn our archbishop and all the clergy. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of the Lord, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, With him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing, and honour, and glory and power, are yours for ever, and ever. Amen

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer is said or sung

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

The priest says

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus Dei is said or sung as the priest breaks the consecrated Host

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.**

The Priest invites the people to receive Holy Communion, he genuflects, takes the Host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice and says aloud:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy 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.**

This prayer is said

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, So that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

Come let us take this holy Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The priest and other communicants receive Holy Communion

The body of Christ. **Amen**

The blood of Christ. **Amen**

The Prayer after Communion

Lord, may we never fail to praise you for the fullness of life and salvation you give us in this Eucharist. **Amen.**

The people say

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Recessional Hymn 368 (CWM RHONDDA, *New English Hymnal*)

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams, 1717-1791
Tr Peter Williams, 1727-96