

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST INTRODUCTION

Entrance

Hymn 346 (RICHMOND, *New English Hymnal*)

City of God, how broad and far
Outspread thy walls sublime!
The true thy chartered freemen are
Of every age and clime.

One holy Church, one army strong,
One steadfast, high intent;
One working band, one harvest-song,
One King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come down
From man's primaeval youth!
How grandly hath thine empire grown
Of freedom, love and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night
With never-fainting ray!
How rise thy towers, serene and bright,
To meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,
In vain the drifting sands:
Unharmed upon the eternal Rock
The eternal City stands.

Samuel Johnson 1822-82

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.

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 Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 Isaiah,
Chapter 55, beginning to read from the 10th verse**

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and

bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Psalm, **Psalm 65, vs. 9 – 14**

Sung by the cantor alone, the congregation seated

9. Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.
10. The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
11. Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
12. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.
13. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
14. The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

The Second Reading is taken from the Second Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans, Chapter 8, beginning at the 18th verse

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children

of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labour pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

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 445 (PETRA, *New English Hymnal*)

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes are closed in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Toplady 1740-78†

The Gospel Acclamation is sung

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew,
Chapter 13, beginning to read at the 1st 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

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.*

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

A sermon or homily is given

The Profession of Faith

All stand and say the profession of faith

**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 priest says

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen**

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 each other the sign of peace.

The Offertory: Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn 292, sung to the tune of 431 (HEREFORD, *New English Hymnal*)

Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,
Thou savest those that on thee call,
To them that seek thee thou are good,
To them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesu, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Latin, 12th century
Tr Ray Palmer 1808-87

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 following may be said

Lord, accept the gifts of your Church. May this Eucharist help us grow in holiness and faith. **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 departed 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.**

The Agnus Dei is 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, by sharing in the mystery of this Eucharist, let your saving love grow within us. **Amen.**

The people pray

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 388i (EISENACH, *New English Hymnal*)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748