

# HOLY COMMUNION

## THE INTRODUCTION

Processional: *The Plainsong Proper Introit for the day is sung by the cantor alone as the Sanctuary Party processes.*

Introit Hymn **106** (*AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM, New English Hymnal*)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
Into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day;  
Christ hast burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.

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Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.

Music: Traditional melody as set in Leisentritt's  
*Catholicum Hymnologium Germanicum* Cologne 1584  
Text: Greek, St John of Damascus c 750  
Tr J M Neale 1816-66†

*The Priest standing facing the Altar shall say the Lord's Prayer with the Collect following,  
the people kneeling.*

OUR Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil. Amen

*The Collect said by all*

**ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Then the Priest shall rehearse our Lord's Summary of the Law.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is One  
Lord: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy  
soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first  
commandment, And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love

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thy neighbour as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*The priest and people say in response*

**Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Then shall be sung*

**Kyrie, eleison.**

**Christe, eleison.**

**Kyrie, eleison.**

*Then shall be said the Collect of the Day*

The Lord be with you

**And with thy spirit.**

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way or righteousness; Grant until all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*And immediately after the Collect shall be read the Epistle*

**The Reading is taken from the First Letter of St John,  
Chapter 3, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse**

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

Here ends the Epistle.

**Gradual Psalm**, Psalm 118: 1-9

*Sung by the choir, the congregation seated*

1. Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :  
because his mercy endureth for ever.
2. Let Israel now confess that he is gracious :  
and that his mercy endureth for ever.
3. Let the house of Aaron now confess :  
that his mercy endureth for ever.
4. Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess :  
that his mercy endureth for ever.
5. I called upon the Lord in trouble :  
and the Lord heard me at large.
6. The Lord is on my side :  
I will not fear what man doeth unto me.
7. The Lord taketh my part with them that help me :  
therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.
8. It is better to trust in the Lord :  
than to put any confidence in man.
9. It is better to trust in the Lord :  
than to put any confidence in princes.

*All stand to sing the sequence hymn*

**Sequence Hymn 104**, sung to tune 259 (ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR,  
*New English Hymnal*)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King:  
Who hath washed us in the time  
Flowing from his piercèd side;  
Praise we him whose love divine  
Gives the guests his blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast,  
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,  
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now thy banner thou dost wave,  
Conquering Satan and the grave.  
See the prince of darkness quelled;  
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
From sin's death do thou set free,  
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise.  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be.

Music: George Elvey 1816-93  
Text: From a Latin Breviary hymn  
*Tr* Robert Campbell 1814-68

*Then shall be read the Gospel, the people standing.*

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John,**  
Chapter 10, beginning to read at the 11<sup>th</sup> verse

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Jesus said:  
"I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd  
and whose sheep are not his own,  
sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,  
and the wolf catches and scatters them.  
This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd,  
and I know mine and mine know me,  
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;  
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.  
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.  
These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,  
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.  
This is why the Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own.  
I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.  
This command I have received from my Father.”

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

*The Creed shall be sung by all:*

**I BELIEVE in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible:  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of very God, Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father,  
By whom all things were made:  
Who for us men, and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
And was made man,  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and  
the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and  
glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The Sermon will follow.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Then shall the Priest return to the Lord's Table, and begin the Offertory, saying one or more of the Sentences following, as he thinketh most convenient in his discretion.*

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

*Offertory: The Plainsong Proper Offertory for the day is sung by the cantor alone. This is followed by other music sung by the cantor alone, or the organ will play.  
And when there is a Communion, the Priest shall then place upon the Holy Table so much Bread and Wine, as he shall think sufficient.*

### **Offertory Hymn 273** (UNDE ET MEMORES, *New English Hymnal*)

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
And having with us him that pleads above,  
We here present, we here spread forth to thee  
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
And only look on us as found in him;  
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;  
For lo, between our sins and their reward  
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
By this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear  
And crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet  
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still  
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
Deliver us from every touch of ill:  
In thine own service make us glad and free,  
And grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Music: W. H. Monk 1823-89  
Text: William Bright 1824-1901

*The Priest may here bid special prayers and thanksgivings. Then he shall begin the Intercession.*

## THE INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblation and to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; Beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live, in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy Servant Elizabeth our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen

## THE PREPARATION

*Then shall the Priest say to them that come to receive the Holy Communion.*

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*Then shall this general Confession be made in the name of all those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, by the Priest or one of the Ministers; both he and all the people kneeling humbly upon their knees.*

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Make of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold**

**sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them in intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Then shall the Priest stand up, and turning himself to the people, pronounce this Absolution.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall the Priest say,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St Matt. xi.28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St John iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy i. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 St John ii.

*All stand*

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The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say,*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God.

And now we give you thanks because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Then shall be sung the Sanctus and Benedictus*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.**

**✠ Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel. Then shall the Priest, at the Lord's Table, say with all them that shall receive the Communion this Prayer following:*

**WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed**

**through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*When the Priest, standing before the Holy Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the people, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth.*

## THE CONSECRATION

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

*Then may follow:*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

*Then shall be sung the Agnus Dei*

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world:  
grant us thy peace.**

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PRIEST AND PEOPLE

*Then shall the Priest first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and after that to the people also in order, into their hands, all meekly kneeling.*

*The following is said by the Priest:*

Behold the Lamb of God: behold Him that takest away the sins of the world.

*Then all shall say:*

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

*And, when he delivereth the Bread to any one, he shall say,*

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

*And the Minister that delivereth the Cup to any one shall say,*

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

*Then shall the Priest say:*

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

*Then all shall say:*

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that 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 PRAYER OF OBLATION

*Then shall the Priest give thanks to God in the name of all them that have communicated, turning him first to the people, and saying,*

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*Then all shall sing the Gloria:*

**GLORY be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
we praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Then the Priest (or Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.*

THE peace of God which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

**Recessional Hymn Hymn 112, (ST ALBINUS, *New English Hymnal*)**

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Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
Can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.  
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm our trembling breath,  
When we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! for us he died;  
Then, alone to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart may we abide,  
Glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
Nought from us his love shall sever;  
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
Tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne  
Over all the world is given;  
May we go where he is gone,  
Rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluya!

Music: H. J. Gauntlett 1805-76  
Text: Christian Gellert 1715-69  
*Tr* Frances Cox 1812-97†

*The Recessional, Organ alone*