

# THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## INTRODUCTION

### Entrance

#### **Introit Hymn 210** (*ISTE CONFESSOR, New English Hymnal*)

Only-begotten, Word of God eternal,  
Lord of Creation, merciful and mighty,  
Hear thou thy servants, when their tuneful voices  
Rise to thy presence.

Thus in our solemn Feast of Dedication,  
Graced with returning rites of due devotion,  
Ever thy children, year by year rejoicing,  
Chant in thy temple.

This is thy palace; here thy presence-chamber;  
Here may thy servants, at the mystic banquet,  
Daily adoring, take thy body broken,  
Drink of thy chalice.

Here for thy children stands the holy laver,  
Fountain of pardon for the guilt of nature,  
Cleansed by whose water springs a race anointed,  
Liegemen of Jesus.

Here in our sickness, healing grace aboundeth,  
Light in our blindness, in our toil refreshment;  
Sin is forgiven, hope o'er fear prevaieth,  
Joy over sorrow.

Hallowed this dwelling where the Lord abideth,  
This is none other than the gate of heaven;  
Strangers and pilgrims, making homes eternal,  
Pass through its portals.

Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple  
By thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,  
Smile on thy children, and with tender mercy  
Hear our petitions.

God in Three Persons, Father everlasting,  
Son co-eternal, ever blessed Spirit,  
Thine be the glory, praise, and adoration,  
Now and for ever. Amen.

Music: Poitiers Antiphoner 1746  
Text: Latin 9<sup>th</sup> century  
Tr M J Clacker 1822-88

## **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.**

Christ is Risen, Alleluia  
**He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.**

**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.**

## **Summary of the Commandments**

*All sit or kneel,*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandments.

And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.**

*Pause for self-examination*

**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*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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.**

*All sing*

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

*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.

*The congregation sits or kneels*

## **The Collect**

Almighty God, you send your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of all your people: open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Collect for St John the Evangelist**

Merciful Father, whose Son is the light of the world: so guid your Church by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist Saint John,

that we may walk by the light that has come among us and finally know him as the light of everlasting life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.**

*All sit for the Readings*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**The First Reading is taken from the Book of Proverbs,  
Chapter 8, beginning to read from the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse**

The LORD begot me, the beginning of his works,  
the forerunner of his deeds of long ago;  
From of old I was formed, at the first, before the earth.  
When there were no deeps I was brought forth,  
when there were no fountains or springs of water;  
Before the mountains were settled into place,  
before the hills, I was brought forth;  
When the earth and the fields were not yet made,  
nor the first clods of the world.  
When he established the heavens, there was I,  
when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep;  
When he made firm the skies above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep;

When he set for the sea its limit,  
so that the waters should not transgress his command;  
When he fixed the foundations of earth,  
then was I beside him as artisan;  
I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while,  
Playing over the whole of his earth,  
having my delight with human beings.

*After the reading*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Psalm, Psalm 97**

*Sung by the choir, the congregation seated*

1. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :  
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
2. Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness  
and judgement are the habitation of his seat.
3. There shall go a fire before him :  
and burn up his enemies on every side.
4. His lightnings gave shine unto the world :  
the earth saw it, and was afraid.
5. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord :  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6. The heavens have declared his righteousness :  
and all the people have seen his glory.
7. Confounded be all they that worship carved images,  
and that delight in vain gods : worship him, all ye gods.
8. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah  
were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.
9. For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth :  
thou art exalted far above all gods.
10. O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil :  
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;  
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11. There is sprung up a light for the righteous :  
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
12. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous :  
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

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

What was from the beginning, what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon  
and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life –  
for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it  
and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father  
and was made visible to us – what we have seen and heard  
we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have  
fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and  
with his Son, Jesus Christ.

We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.  
Now this is the message that we have heard from him  
and proclaim to you: God is light,  
and in him there is no darkness at all.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **The Holy Gospel**

*All stand to sing the sequence hymn*

**Sequence Hymn 208** (ST CATHERINE'S COURT, *New English Hymnal*)

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
For the saints who before us have found their reward;  
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,  
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

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In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,  
He called them away from our worship below;  
But not till his love, at the font and the altar,  
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,  
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;  
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,  
And still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise then, for all who here sought and here found Him,  
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:  
They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,  
Where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.

Music: Richard Strutt 1848-1927  
Text: William Draper 1855-1933

*The Gospel Acclamation is sung.*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John,**  
Chapter 20, beginning to read at the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.  
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter  
and arrived at the tomb first;  
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.  
When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and  
saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his  
head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.  
Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

*After the Gospel*

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

*A sermon 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*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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 202**, sung to tune 265 (REGENT SQUARE,  
*New English Hymnal*)

Word supreme, before creation  
Born of God eternally  
Who didst will for our salvation  
To be born on earth, and die;  
Well thy saints have kept their station,  
Watching till thine hour drew nigh.

Now 'tis come, and faith espies thee:  
Like an eagle in the morn,  
John in steadfast worship eyes thee,  
Thy belov'd, thy latest born:  
In thy glory he descries thee  
Reigning from the tree of scorn.

He first hoping and believing  
Did beside the grave adore;  
Latest he, the warfare leaving,  
Landed on the eternal shore;  
And his witness we receiving  
Own thee Lord for evermore.

Much he asked in loving wonder,  
On thy bosom leaning, Lord!  
In that secret place of thunder,  
Answer kind didst thou accord,  
Wisdom for thy Church to ponder  
Till the day of dread award.

Thee, the Almighty King eternal,  
Father of the eternal Word;  
Thee, the Father's Word supernal,  
Thee, of both, the Breath adored;  
Heaven, and earth, and realms infernal  
Own, one glorious God and Lord. Amen.

Music: Henry Smart 1813-79  
Text: John Keble 1792-1866

*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.**

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

Accept these gifts of your creation, Father; this bread and this wine as we now partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

*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 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. We praise you with greater joy than ever in this Easter season, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice. For he is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause. The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world;

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.**

*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, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*All sit or kneel*

Holy God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in obedience to our Saviour Jesus Christ, by the power of Holy Spirit, may be partakers of his body and his blood, and be made one with him and with each other in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks He gave it to his disciples, saying, Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance 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:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:

Proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again. We celebrate, with this bread and this cup, His one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

As we partake in this holy sacrament, renew us by your Spirit that we may be united in the body of your Son and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom. Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

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

### **The Communion**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**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.**

**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.**

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*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.**

Come let us take this holy Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, in remembrance that he died for us, 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:*

Father, we thank you that you feed us who have received these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We thank you for this assurance of your goodness and love, and that we are living members of his body and heirs of his eternal kingdom.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and help us to grow in love and obedience, that with all your saints we may worship you for ever.

*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.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Recessional Hymn 206** (*HAREWOOD, New English Hymnal*)

Christ is our corner-stone,  
On him alone we build;  
With his true saints alone  
The courts of heaven are filled:  
On his great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing;

And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious Name.

Here may we gain from heaven  
The grace which we implore;  
And may that grace, once given,  
Be with us evermore,  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.

Music: S. S. Wesley 1810-76  
Text: Latin c 7<sup>th</sup> century  
Tr John Chandler 1806-76

*Music for the Feast of St John the Evangelist*  
*Mass and Gospel Alleluia:* Dr Brett McKern, *Missa Sancta Joannis*  
*Communion motet:* Godfrey Sampson, *O Ye Who Bear Christ's Holy Name*  
*Organ Postlude:* Léon Boëllmann, *Toccato from Suite Gothique*