

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INTRODUCTION

Entrance

All stand

Acclamation and Greeting

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.

All sit or kneel

Let us pray:

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.

‘Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 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’. Jesus said: “This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

All sing, while kneeling:

**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:

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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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Let us pray.

The congregation sits or kneels

The Collect

Let us pray for courage to live by faith.

Almighty God, who in your wisdom have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit for the Readings

The First Reading is taken from the Book of Genesis,
Chapter 2, beginning to read from the 18th verse

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm, Psalm 128

Sung by the choir, the congregation seated

1. Blessed are all they that fear the Lord : and walk in his ways.
2. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands :
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
3. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine : upon the walls of thine house.
4. Thy children like the olive-branches : round about thy table.
5. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.
6. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee :
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.
7. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children :
and peace upon Israel.

**The Second Reading is taken from the Epistle to the Hebrews,
Chapter 2, beginning at the 1st verse**

Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel Acclamation is sung.

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God remains in us
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to St Mark,
Chapter 10, beginning at the 2nd verse

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the 'two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

After the Gospel

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

The Profession of Faith

All say or sing:

**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 Sermon

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The people sit or kneel for the intercessions and thanksgivings

Almighty God your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith, receive the prayers we offer:

Father, hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Accept our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to 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.

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.**

The Offertory

THE PREPARATION

All sit or kneel

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst."

John 6:35

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

John 13:34

The Prayer of Approach

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.

Pause for self-examination

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness:

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 neighbours 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 has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life: through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for all his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the 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 sit or kneel

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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 and 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 for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in obedience to his command, we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death, his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone you have accepted us in Christ; and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight. Through Christ, receive this our duty and service, and grant that we

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who eat and drink these holy gifts may, by your Holy Spirit, be one body in Christ, and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom with all the company of the redeemed. 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

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.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 by faith with thanksgiving.

The priest and other communicants receive Holy Communion

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The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The people sit or kneel

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

This prayer is said by all

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.

The people sit for any Announcements, then stand for the Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God the Holy Trinity bring you to acknowledge him as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.