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# **THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Entrance**

**Introit Hymn 50**, sung to 338 (EVELYN, *New English Hymnal*)

### **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*

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

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*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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Let us pray.**

*The congregation sits or kneels*

Let us pray to have life more abundantly.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us, we pray, the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

*All sit for the Readings*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**The First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah, Chapter 8, beginning to read from the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse**

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

*After the reading*

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

**Gradual Psalm: Psalm 19, verses 7 - 14**

*Read by alternate verses, Reader and Congregation*

7. The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul :  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
- 8. The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart :  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
and giveth light unto the eyes.**
9. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever :  
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold :  
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.**
11. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught :  
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12. Who can tell how oft he offendeth :  
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.**
13. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the dominion over me :  
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
- 14. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart :  
be alway acceptable in thy sight.**

The **Second Reading** is taken from **St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**, Chapter 12, beginning to read from the 12<sup>th</sup> verse

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the

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one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

*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 57** (DUNDEE, *New English Hymnal*)

*The Gospel Acclamation is sung*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke,**  
Chapter 1, beginning to read at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse,  
then Chapter 4, beginning to read from the 14<sup>th</sup> verse

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*After the Gospel*

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

**The Profession of Faith**

*All say*

**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.**

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## **The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 353** (REPTON, *New English Hymnal*)

### **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:

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**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.'

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*All sing*

**Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

*All sing*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever 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.**

*All sing*

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**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*

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.

**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**

*All sit for any announcements, then stand for the blessing.*

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The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ Child, be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn 55** (CRÜGER, *New English Hymnal*)

*Sung by all*

Recessional, *organ alone*