

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INTRODUCTION

Entrance

Introit: Lenten Prose *sung by cantor.*

Hymn 67 (AUS DER TIEFE, *New English Hymnal*)

Sung by all

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.

**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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022 at 7:00pm

Let us then ask for mercy confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All sit or kneel; pause for self-reflection

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

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

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

All sit or kneel

Let us pray that God will make us worthy to serve him.

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us, and not what we deserve: and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit for the Readings

THE WORD OF GOD

The **First Reading** is taken from the **Book of Joel**,
Chapter 2 beginning to read from the 12th verse

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?" " Then the Lord became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people.

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm, **Psalm 51**

Intoned by the cantor

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness :
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.
2. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness :
and cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight :
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying,
and clear when thou art judged.
5. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness :
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
6. But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness :
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
9. Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.
10. Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.
11. Cast me not away from thy presence :
and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
12. O give me the comfort of thy help again :
and stablish me with thy free Spirit.
13. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked :
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

**The Second Reading is taken from the Epistle of Saint Paul
to the Corinthians, Chapter 5, beginning at the 20th verse.**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I

have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Sing the Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the **Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew**,
Chapter 6, beginning to read at the 1st verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "Pray then in this way: 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. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

After the Gospel

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

The Sermon

Blessing and Giving of Ashes

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask our Father to bless these ashes which we will use as the mark of our repentance.

Pause for a moment of silent prayer

Lord, bless these ashes by which we show that we are dust. Pardon our sins and keep us faithful to the discipline of Lent, for you do not want sinners to die but to live with the risen Christ, who reigns with you for ever and ever.

The priest then places ashes on those who come forwards, saying to each:

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Let us change our garments to sackcloth and ashes, let us fast and weep before the Lord, that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive us our sins. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, stand between the porch and the altar and weep and cry out: Spare, O Lord, spare your people; do not close the mouths of those who sing your praise, O Lord. Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

Responsory

Said with response by all

Direct our hearts to better things, O Lord; heal our sin and ignorance. Lord, do not face us suddenly with death, but give us time to repent.

R. Turn to us with mercy, Lord; we have sinned against you.

Help us, O God our Saviour; for the sake of your name, O Lord, set us free.

R. Turn to us with mercy, Lord; we have sinned against you.

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.

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.**

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.

Hymn 59ii

Sung by all

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Christ is our peace. He was pierced for our faults, bruised for our sins; on him fell the punishment that brought us peace; by his wounds we have been healed.

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 this bread, 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, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 our observance of Lent you correct our faults and raise our minds to you; you help us grow in holiness, and offer us the reward of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

Father, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, and pray that we who eat and drink them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit believing our Saviour's word, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood. **Amen.**

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.**

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
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**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

May the Sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord, that our
Lenten fast may be pleasing to you and be for us a healing remedy.
Amen.

**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.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; 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.
In the name of Christ, Amen

Recessional Hymn 70i (SOUTHWELL, *New English Hymnal*)