

# **THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Entrance**

**Introit: Lenten Prose 507, verse 2**

*Sung by the cantor*

**Hymn 63** (ST BERNARD, *New English Hymnal*)

### **Acclamation & Greeting**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

*All sit or kneel*

**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.**

Jesus says, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Let us then bring our secret sins into his light.

*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**

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**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*

Merciful Father, we rejoice that you pardon and forgive those who truly repent and trust in your Son. Deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All sing*

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

*The congregation sits or kneels*

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**

Let us pray that we may be transfigured into the likeness of Christ.

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*All sit for the readings*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**The First Reading Reading is taken from Genesis,  
Chapter 15, beginning to read from the 5th verse**

He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

*After the reading*

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

**Gradual Psalm: 27, verses 9 - 17**

*Sung by the choir, the congregation seated*

9. My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face :  
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
10. O hide not thou thy face from me :  
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
11. Thou hast been my succour : leave me not,  
neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
12. When my father and my mother forsake me :  
the Lord taketh me up.
13. Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way,  
because of mine enemies.
14. Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries :  
for there are false witnesses risen up against me,  
and such as speak wrong.
15. I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily  
to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
16. O tarry thou the Lord's leisure :  
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart ;  
and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

The **Second Reading** is taken from **St Paul's Letter to the Philippians**, Chapter 3, beginning to read from the 17th verse

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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*After the reading*

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

*All stand to sing*

**Sequence Hymn 61**, sung to tune 238 (MELCOMBE, *New English Hymnal*)

*The Gospel Acclamation is sung*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke,**  
Chapter 9, beginning to read at the 28<sup>th</sup> verse

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my

Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The word 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.**

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**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 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:

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**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.**

*All stand to sing the hymn*

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

*All sit or kneel*

**Sentence of Scripture, Isaiah 55:6-8**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

**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.**



## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*All stand*

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. **Amen**

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.**

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you heavenly Father for every spiritual blessing in Jesus our Lord, in whom we have the forgiveness of sins, the gift of your Spirit and the hope of sharing in your glory. We who were once far away

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have been brought near by the blood of your Son. He loved us and gave himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, 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*

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

After the meal, he took the cup, and again giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is 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.**

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 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*

**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.**

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 of Christ. **Amen**

The blood of Christ. **Amen**

## **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

*The people sit or kneel*

Gracious Father, our eyes have seen the King in his beauty; by this  
living bread and saving cup let his likeness be formed in us and grow  
until the end of time; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

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## **Blessing and Dismissal**

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

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**and also with you.**

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn 64** (ABRIDGE, *New English Hymnal*)

*Sung by all*

Recessional, *organ alone*