Holy Communion

The Greeting

1. **Minister** The Lord be with you

   **All** and also with you.

   (or)

   **Minister** Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

   **All** and also with you.

   *From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows*

   **All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

2. **All** 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

3. Minister  
Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, 0 Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the  
prophets.

All  
Amen.  Lord, have mercy.

4. Minister  
God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

5. All  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

6. **All**

   Most merciful God,
   Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
   we confess that we have sinned
   in thought, word and deed.
   We have not loved you with our whole heart.
   We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
   In your mercy
   forgive what we have been,
   help us to amend what we are,
   and direct what we shall be;
   that we may do justly,
   love mercy,
   and walk humbly with you, our God.
   Amen.

7. **Minister**

   Almighty God,
   who forgives all who truly repent,
   have mercy upon 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.

   **All**

   Amen.

**The Collect**

**The Word of God**

**Scripture Readings**

*At the end the reader may say*
8. Reader  This is the word of the Lord.

All    Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading
When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Reader  Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All    Glory to you, 0 Lord.

At the end
Reader  This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All    Praise to you, 0 Christ.

9. Sermon

The Creed

10. Minister  We say together in faith

All    Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

Minister  We believe in God the Father;
who created all things:

All    for by his will they were created
and have their being.

Minister  We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

All    for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.

Minister We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

11. These responses may be used
Minister Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.
(or)
Minister Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end
Minister Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayer of humble Access

12. All We do not presume
to come to this 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 our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.

13. All
Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

The Peace

14. Minister
We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.
15. The Eucharistic Prayers

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Minister*  The Lord is here.

*All*  His Spirit is with us.

*Minister*  Lift up your hearts.

*All*  We lift them to the Lord.

*Minister*  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*  It is right to give thanks and praise.

*Minister*  It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

[All]  To you be glory and praise for ever.]

*Minister*  Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.
All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Minister Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Minister Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Minister In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink 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.

[All]

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

**Minister** Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

**All**

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

**Minister** Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

[All]

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

**Minister** Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
All  Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
   Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer (Page 34, Paragraph 16)

Eucharistic Prayer B

Minister  The Lord is here.

All  His Spirit is with us.

Minister  Lift up your hearts.

All  We lift them to the Lord.

Minister  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All  It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister  Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise

All  Holy, holy, holy Lord,
   God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Minister  
How wonderful the work of your hands, 0 Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.  
On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink 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.

Minister  
Christ is the bread of life:

All  
When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.
Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. [Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace ...] Bring us at the last with [N and] all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer (Page 34, Paragraph 16)

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.
Minister  Lift up your hearts.

All  We lift them to the Lord.

Minister  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All  It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister  It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

All  You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

Minister  In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All  He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Minister  I On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All  Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

Minister  At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.

Minister
As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Minister
With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

16. Minister
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

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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.

Breaking of the Bread

17. *The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Minister*  
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All*  
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

(or)

*Minister*  
Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

*All*  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

18. *The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

*All*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

19. *Minister*  
Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion
*All may say one of these prayers*

20. *All*

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

21. *All*

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
The Blessing

22. Minister 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 among you and remain with you always.

   All Amen.

23. Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

   All In the name of Christ. Amen.