

THE EUCHARIST

SUMMER 2020

Welcome

Welcome to this Eucharist—the act which stands at the heart of all Christian worship.

Since earliest days, Christians have met to break bread and share wine in obedience to Our Lord's command, in thanksgiving and in remembrance of him. If you normally receive communion in your own church you are welcome to receive communion here. If you don't wish to take communion you may wish to receive a blessing, or light a candle. There is an act of spiritual communion in the order of service you may find helpful. For the foreseeable future, to protect against the spread of COVID-19, the congregation will receive the host only. Gluten free wafers are still available.

Please participate as much as you are able.

The Gathering

Please stand as the President enters.

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.

The president may introduce the service and this prayer may be said:

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.

Prayers of Penitence

The president invites the members of the congregation to confess their sins.

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.

The president pronounces God's forgiveness.

On Sundays and Feast Days the Gloria may be said.

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 Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the Collect, to which all respond:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N. Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

On Sundays a sermon is preached and music for reflection may be offered.

The Creed

On Sundays and Feast Days the Creed may be said.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

he suffered death and was buried.

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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

Please sit or kneel:

Prayers of Intercession

One of these responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy: or Lord, hear us: hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final intercession:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand.

The president introduces the Peace, and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may bow, or exchange another sign of peace, observing social distancing.

The 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 thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:

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 president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamations is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The president receives communion in both kinds and then invites the congregation to receive communion in one kind only, using these words:

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

All who intend to receive, say:

Amen.

If you would like to receive communion or a blessing please come forward row by row, maintaining social distancing. Gluten free wafers are available.

If you do not wish to come forward you may like to light a candle or pray silently. Those who prefer not to receive communion, may find this Prayer for Spiritual Communion helpful:

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you were already there,
I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept, after which the president says a Post Communion prayer, then all may say:

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.

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing, then says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Thank you for joining us for this service.

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