

Sing the Feast communion: Setting 2

This form of the holy communion service is based on the Service—Alternative Form. It is for Setting 2 of Sing the Feast (1997), a musical setting by Chris Chataway, but some of the variations added here by the Department of Liturgics may also be used in other services.

PREPARATION

ENTRANCE

The minister approaches the altar.

IN THE NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**We confess that we are born in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.**

We deserve your eternal punishment.

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.**

I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?

I do.

Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?

I do.

As a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

An entrance hymn is sung.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF ADORATION: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

Let us pray (for...).

... now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

SECOND READING

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

One of the following or another appropriate hallelujah response may be said.

Christmas

When the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

The Lord said to me: You are my son; today I have become your father.

Hallelujah!

Easter

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

The life he lives, he lives to God.

Hallelujah!

Pentecost

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Hallelujah!

General

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Hallelujah!

GOSPEL

After the gospel:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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.**

** This means: us human beings*

† or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'

HYMN

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG: CREATE IN ME

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

PREFACE

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.

It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The minister says one of the following.

Advent: You fulfilled your promise to comfort your people by sending Jesus the Redeemer, and to make all things new through him when he comes to judge the world and set it right. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Christmas: You have revealed your glorious presence to us in a new way through the mystery of the Word made flesh, so that as we see you in your Son, we are drawn to love you whom we cannot see. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Epiphany: You have sent your only Son to appear among us as a human being, and through him you have fully revealed the light of your presence to us. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Lent: He has taken on himself our sin, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Passion: On the tree of the cross he gave salvation to all, so that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that the enemy, who by a

tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Easter: But most of all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the other witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Ascension: After his resurrection he appeared openly to his disciples, and before their very eyes was taken up into heaven, so that by your grace we may share in his divine nature. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Pentecost: When he had ascended above the heavens and was enthroned at your right hand, he poured out the promised Holy Spirit on his chosen people. At this the whole earth greatly rejoices, praising your name with many tongues. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

Trinity: Who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, one Lord, whom we confess as the only true God and worship as the eternal Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

After Pentecost: (On this day) he overcame death by his resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with you. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

HOLY HOLY, HOLY

**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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (WITH PRAYER)

All praise and thanks be to you, eternal God, holy Father, together with your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who unites your people in love. We thank you for creating all things. We thank you for calling and rescuing your chosen people. Above all we thank and praise you for keeping your promise to the people of old and sending your Son Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection for our salvation we remember as he comes to us in this holy meal.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The minister says the words of institution. If the accompanying prayer is not said, the words are preceded by the Lord's Prayer.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take and eat: this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we who receive the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

**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 your peace.**

INVITATION TO RECEIVE SACRAMENT

The minister may say one of the following scriptural invitations.

Advent

Blessed are those who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb. Come, everything is ready.

Christmas

Jesus says: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. The bread that I will give you is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live.' Come, for everything is ready.

Epiphany

Jesus says: 'The bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' Come, for everything is ready.

Lent

Every time we eat this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Come, for everything is ready.

Easter

Jesus says: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.' Come, for everything is ready.

Ascension

Jesus says: 'When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.' Come, for everything is ready.

Pentecost

Jesus says: 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.' Come, for everything is ready.

Trinity

Through Christ Jesus we have access to the Father by one Spirit. Come, for everything is ready.

General

1 Jesus says: 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' Come, for everything is ready.

2 Jesus says: 'My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood remain in me, and I in them.' Come, for everything is ready.

3 This cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks is a communion in the blood of Christ. This bread that we break is a communion in the body of Christ. Come, for everything is ready.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution, hymns and other appropriate music may be used.

DISMISSAL

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace. †

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION SONG: THANK THE LORD AND SING HIS PRAISE

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell everyone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord
rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He recalls his promises
and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

One of the following prayers or another appropriate prayer is said.

EITHER

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through this healing gift;
and we pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us
in faith toward you and in love toward one another;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OR

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, as you did not spare your own Son,
but gave him up for us all:
Grant that we who have received
his body and blood in the sacrament
may live in him and he in us,
so that, as your children,
we may walk in your ways
and serve you all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CONCLUSION

BLESSING

The minister may say one of the following seasonal blessings.

Advent

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine on you and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory.

Christmas

Christ the Son of God give you joy and peace by his presence with you.

Epiphany

God the Father show you the light of his glory in the face of his Son, so that you may be a light to the world.

Lent

Christ our crucified Saviour draw you to himself, so that you may find in him the assurance of sins forgiven and the gift of eternal life.

Easter

The God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide you with every good thing you need in order to do his will.

Ascension

Christ our exalted king pour on you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory.

Pentecost

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Trinity

God the Holy Trinity, who has created, redeemed, and sanctified you, bring you to know and adore him as one God.

The minister says one of the following.

EITHER

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, † and give you peace.

Amen.

OR

Almighty God, Father, Son †, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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