

# The service with communion

## [WITHOUT VARIATIONS]

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## 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.**

### HYMN

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**He máde heavên and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**Then hé forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**Almighty God, merciful Father,  
I, a poor helpless sinner,  
confess to you all my sins,  
and repent of all the evil I have done.  
I have deeply displeased you  
and deserve your punishment  
in time and in eternity.  
But I am sorry for my sins,  
and I ask you,  
for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
to be gracious and merciful to me. 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.**

Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who  
repent, and to declare to those who do not repent that their sins are not  
forgiven. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained  
servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on  
behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of  
the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**

**PSALM/INTROIT**

*After the psalm/introit:*

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**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

Glory to God in the highest,

*I-II* **and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased.**

**[Amen.]**

*I* **We praise you, we bless you,**

*II* **we worship you, we glorify you,**

*I-II* **we give thanks to you for your great glory,**

*I* **O Lord God, heavênly king,**

*II* **God, the Father almighty.**

*I-II* **O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,**

*I* **O Lord God, Lamb of God,**

*II* **Son of the Father,**

*I* **you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

*II* **You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.**

*I-II* **You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;**

**have mercy on us.**

*I* **For you alone are holy,**

*II* **you alone are Lord,**

*I* **you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

*II* **are most high in the glory of God the Father.**

*I-II* **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING

The first reading for \_\_\_\_\_ is written in chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*A psalm or portion of a psalm may be sung or said, ending with:*

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

### SECOND READING

The second reading is written in chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_.

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### HALLELUJAH/GRADUAL

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### GOSPEL

The holy gospel is written in chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel according to St \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at verse \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*The minister reads the gospel.*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

### 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**

*If the creed is sung in the form of a hymn, the hymn may be omitted.*

## **SERMON**

*After the sermon:*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and 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 a willing 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 up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**For that is fitting and right.**

It is truly fitting and right, and for our lasting good, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; *[seasonal preface]*

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**HOLY HOLY HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;  
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.**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION.**

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.

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### **LAMB OF GOD**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

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

*The minister and his assistants may commune during the Lamb of God.*

*When the minister and his assistants give the bread and the cup, they say:*

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, given for you.

Take and drink, this is the blood of Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

### **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**

*The Song of Simeon may be sung or said, or a post-communion hymn may be sung.*

**LORD, NOW let your servant depart in *peace*,  
according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of *all* people;  
a light to reveal you to the *nations*,  
and the glory of your *people* Israel.  
Glory to the Father and the *Son*  
and the *Holy Spirit*,  
as it was in the beginning, is *now*,  
and will be forevermore. Amen.**

### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **THANKSGIVING VERSE**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. [Hallelujah!]

**For his love endures forever. [Hallelujah!]**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **LET US BLESS**

Let us bless the Lord.

**God be praised forevermore.**

### **BLESSING**

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. Amen. Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY**