

## Sing the Feast communion: Setting 3

*This form of the holy communion service is based on the Service—Alternative Form. It is for Setting 3 of Sing the Feast (1997), a musical setting by Grace Simpson, 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.*

#### OPENING SENTENCES

*The minister may say one of the following Scripture verses.*

##### *Advent*

Here is your God. He will come and save you.

##### *Christmas*

The word became flesh and lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son. From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

##### *Epiphany*

Arise, and shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

##### *Lent*

The Lamb who was killed is worthy to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honour, glory and praise!

##### *Easter*

Christ has risen from the dead. He has trampled down death by his death. And to us he has given eternal life. Christ has risen indeed.

### *Ascension*

When Christ ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive. He ascended higher than the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

### *Pentecost*

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

### *Trinity*

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

### *General*

- 1 The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
- 2 Give thanks to the Lord; he is good, and his mercy lasts forever.
- 3 Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.

## **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:

*The minister may say one of the following Scripture verses.*

### *Advent*

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

### *Christmas*

Jesus says: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

### *Epiphany*

Jesus says: 'I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.'

### *Lent*

Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

### *Easter*

God the Father gave Jesus to die for our sins and raised him to life in order to put us right with himself.

### *Pentecost*

Jesus said to his apostles: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you proclaim them unforgiven, unforgiven they remain.'

### *Trinity*

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### *General*

1 God is light, and there is no darkness at all in him. If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing.

2 Jesus says: 'Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to invite good people to turn to God. I came to invite sinners.'

3 You have been baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.

4 Jesus Christ gave himself for us, to rescue us from all wickedness and to make us a pure people who belong to him alone and are eager to do good.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**Lord God, heavenly Father,  
we confess to you  
that by nature we are sinful and unclean.  
We are sorry that we have sinned against you  
by thought, word, and deed.  
Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake,  
forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to eternal life. Amen.**

By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I pardon all of you who repent, and 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**

### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

### **HYMN OF ADORATION: THIS IS THE FEAST**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour,  
blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God  
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **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.**

## **GOSPEL**

*After the gospel:*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise 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**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SONG:LET THE VINEYARDS**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all:  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## 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, hosanna, 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**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO RECEIVE SACRAMENT**

*The minister may say one of the following scriptural invitations.*

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### *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.

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## **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**

**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 of thanksgiving 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 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.**

### **DOXOLOGY**