

## The Holy Communion (Second Order)

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

[Let us pray.]

**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.**

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Absolution*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

*The Collect of the Day*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### *Readings*

#### *The Gospel*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ... **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### *After the Gospel*

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### *Sermon*

## THE NICENE CREED

Let us affirm as ours the faith of the Church.

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*The prayers conclude with:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*[Prayer of Approach*

**We do not presume to come to 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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.]**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

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**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.**

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

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**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*[As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread,  
so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.]*

*Communion is distributed.*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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*Either:*

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

*Or:*

Most loving God,

**you send us into the world you love.**

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

*Notices*

*Blessing and Dismissal*

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. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**