
**Holy
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THE GATHERING

Please stand.

The Greeting

We gather in praise of God who is
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

A moment of reflective silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Hymn

Sit Prayers of Penitence

The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Malachi 4.2

Kyrie Confession

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *us our* sins
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Stand **Gloria in Excelsis (Taizé)**

All **Gloria, Gloria**
In excelsis deo
Gloria, Gloria
Alleluia, Alleluia

The Collect

Let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to
the One who has created all things.

Glorious God,
the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit Readings

The readings appointed for the day are read. The readings may be followed by a time of silence. At the end the reader may say:

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand Hymn

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

cf John 8.12

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

All **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

The Gospel reading appointed for the day is read.

This is the Gospel of Christ

All **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sit **Sermon**

The sermon may be followed by a period of silent reflection.

Stand **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Creator,
who created and is creating everything:

All **the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.**

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who saved and is saving everything:

All **the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us; unique, individual and beloved of Christ.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who guided and is guiding everything:

All **the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.
Amen.**

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Sit

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

All God of life: *or* Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

All **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 for ever.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand The Peace

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe
and gave us this beautiful earth
to discover and the cherish;
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us.

All **Amen.**

Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Children Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
everything that gives us light,

light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.
You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Children Why do we share this bread and wine?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Children How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share
in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Sit **The Communion**

The minister and people receive communion.

The body of Christ. *and* The blood of Christ.
Amen. **Amen.**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little. You who have been here often, you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because it is we who invite you: it is our Lord.

Young and old, all are welcome.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Lord of all creation,
as we have received the bread and wine,
fruits of the earth
and tokens of salvation,
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

Stand **Hymn**

The Blessing

May God the Father,
who clothes the lilies of the field

and feeds the birds of the air,
provide you with all we need for life in its fullness.

All **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine,
feed you with his life and transform us in his love.

All **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

All **Amen.**

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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WORSHIP AND ACTION FOR CREATION