

THE GATHERING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ

We prepare ourselves with a prayer asking God to purify us:

Father of Glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We sit or kneel to confess to God:

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

My dear brothers and sisters let us seek God's reconciling love for us by confessing our sins together:

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness over us:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

We now listen to the readings.

The sermon (the preacher will explain what the readings mean to us today)

We will have a few minutes reflection as we think about the message from the readings and the sermon.



We are now ready to affirm our faith in Christ

Let us stand to affirm our faith in the words of the 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 INTERCESSIONS OF THE FAITHFUL

We will now be led in collective prayer for the church, the world and those in need.

Responses to prayers:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Ending with: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for
the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ.
Amen.

Before we approach the altar we pray:

We do not presume
to come to this 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 PEACE

Before we come to the altar Jesus told us to make peace with our brothers and sisters:

Now that we have been justified through faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you

THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.
We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.

THE EUCHARIST

The priests says the prayer of consecration over the bread and wine:

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,
it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

Lent:

Who was tempted in every way,
yet did not sin. By his grace we
are able to triumph over every
evil and to live no longer for
ourselves alone but for him who
died for us and rose again.

Passiontide:

Who, bearing the human
likeness, humbled himself and in
obedience accepted death, even
death on a cross. He was lifted
up from the earth that he might
draw all people to himself.

Therefore with angels and archangels
And with all the company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Hear us, heavenly Father,
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
his body and his blood;
who in the same night that he was betrayed
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
**TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
DRINK FROM THIS, ALL OF YOU;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT,
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup,
your gifts to us,
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your holy Spirit upon all of us
who share this bread and this cup.
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us we boldly pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Though we are many, we are one body for we all share in one bread.

We sing

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. (repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.**



For those who are unable to take communion at this time, please pray this prayer instead:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

[Come, let us receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for us, and feed on
him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The priest and people receive communion.

All are welcome to come to the altar for communion or a blessing.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life **Amen]**

THE SENDING OUT

We are now prepared to go out and to share the Good news of Christ with the world:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious: **his love is everlasting.**

We pray together:

**Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at
the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the
world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow
him 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

