



St. Peter's Church

Communion Service



The Order for the Celebration of Holy Communion

The Gathering

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

or

Minister: Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All: and also with you.

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said and a hymn may be sung.

Prayers of Preparation

This prayer may be said

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.

Prayers of Penitence

The Commandments, Beatitudes, Comfortable Words or the following Summary of the Law is used.

Minister: 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.

All: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

The president uses a seasonal invitation to confession or these or other suitable words.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven and to bring us to eternal life. Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Reading

At the end of each the reader may say

All: This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A hymn may be sung.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All: 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

All: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.
or

All: Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

All: Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Peace may be introduced with a suitable sentence, and then

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory – *a hymn may be sung.*

All: The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

All: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you,
Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for
yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to
meet us in your Son.

All: **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to
sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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**

Breaking of 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.**

Prayer of humble access

**All: 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious
blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

After Communion Prayer

**All: Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us with the
body and blood of Your son, Jesus Christ.
Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies to be
a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and
work to Your praise and glory. Amen**

The Blessing

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

All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Or ***From Easter Day to Pentecost***

All: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.