

## **Holy Communion Order One**

*[Christmas]*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*[Marks a time of stillness before the beginning of the service]*

*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.

### ***The Gathering***

#### **HYMN**

*The president may say*

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

*All* Amen.

*The president greets the people*

The Lord be with you

*All* and also with you.

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

**Invitation to confession** *[Please sit or kneel]*

*A minister uses a seasonal invitation to confession or these or other suitable words*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

### **Responsorial Confession**

*After each petition the response is;*

*Minister* We have sinned:

*All* forgive and heal us.

**†***The president gives the absolution*

*All* Amen.

### **Gloria in Excelsis** *[Please stand]*

*All* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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** *[Please sit or kneel]*

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.*

#### **HYMN / SONG** *[optional]*

### ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*[See Sunday Sheet]*

### **Readings** *[Please sit]*

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Lesson**

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

#### **HYMN**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

*All* Alleluia.

### **Gospel Reading** *[Please stand]*

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

*All* Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ.

### **Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed** *[Please stand]*

*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** *[Please sit or kneel]*

*This or other seasonal responses may be used.*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* hear our prayer.

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

*All* accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

### **The Peace** *[Please stand]*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

*All* and also with you.

*The congregation may exchange the sign of peace.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *[During which a collection is taken]*

### **Preparation of the Table**

*[The bread and wine are brought to the altar]*

### Prayer of Preparation

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen**

### Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, and *[on this night]* was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*All* **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with *[N and]* all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name:  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

### 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* **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.**

### Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

### Prayer of humble access

*[Said privately before receiving communion]*

*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.*

**HYMN / ANTHEM** *[May be sung during communion]*

### Post Communion Prayer

*[See Sunday Sheet]*

*Silence is kept.*

*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.**

### Notices / Banns of Marriage

## The Dismissal

### Blessing

*+ The president gives the blessing*

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### HYMN

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