



ALL AGE EUCHARIST

Gathering Together

The ministers walk up to the front of the church.

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

All Amen

Words of welcome are said.

We are not once a week friends

- All We are the family of God We are not a cosy club
- All We are the body of Christ
 We are not just strangers meeting
- All We are temples of the Holy Spirit
 We are not here by accident
- All Our Father has called us to worship
 We are not just filling up an hour
- All Jesus wants us to know him better
 We are not just going through the motions
- All The Holy Spirit has some special words for us So come; draw near to our God
- All And God will draw near to us

As we are able, we stand for our first hymn.

We say sorry to God

Holy God, parent of us all, we know we don't always treat each other as you want us to. Lord God, forgive us,

All And help us to be more loving

There are times when we insist on getting our own way, despite what others feel. Lord God, forgive us,

All And help us to be more loving

Sometimes we increase the tension when we ought to be seeking to make peace. Lord God, forgive us,

All And help us to be more loving

Often we say things which hurt each other. Lord God, forgive us,

All And help us to be more loving

For our jealousy, our lack of respect, and times when we won't listen to those we live with, Lord God, forgive us,

All And help us to be more loving

And because we sometimes just get bored with each other. Lord God, forgive us,

All And help us to be more loving.

We hear words that tell us we are loved and forgiven by God.

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.

We Sing God's Praises

Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well. On the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's King; hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with him in triumph seated—
for your mercy, Lord, we pray.
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone,
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit, Three in One!

Words: Michael Arnold Perry (1942–1996)

Tune: ODE TO JOY

The Prayer for the Day

Let us pray

After a moment of quiet, the special prayer for the day is said. At the end we all say

All Amen.

As we are able, we stand to sing a hymn.

Listening to God's Word

Readings from the Bible

At the end the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Talk

We recall the faith of the church worldwide

Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

cf. Ephesians 3

Praying for the Church and the World

The prayers are led by a member of the Church family.

Celebrating with Bread & Wine

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace by shaking hands and saying 'peace be with you'

Preparation of the Table

We sing a hymn during which a collection is taken, and the bread and wine are placed on the table.

The president takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We remain standing for the prayer remembering all that Jesus has done.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

All

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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.
You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
Holy is the Lord God Almighty!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
Holy is the Lord God
Almighty!
Who was, and is, and is to come!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

All Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

All Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

All Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Prayer Jesus taught us

Please **sit** or **kneel**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 bread is broken

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.

Giving of Communion

The President says the invitation to communion

for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

God's holy gifts

We receive Holy Communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table to receive the bread and the wine, the body and blood of Christ.

If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, please keep your hands by your side as a sign of this.

The following words of distribution are used.

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

Saying thank you after communion

Silence is kept.

The post communion prayer is said. Then we all say together

All God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Going out into God's World

Notices and announcements for the week are given out.

Please stand for the final hymn

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please stay behind for refreshments

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