

**THE CELEBRATION OF  
THE HOLY COMMUNION**  
ALSO CALLED **THE LORD'S SUPPER OR THE EUCHARIST**

**The Gathering of God's People**

THE GREETING

*The bishop or priest who presides greets the congregation  
with the following words:*

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

*or*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all  
**and also with you.**

*or, from Easter Day until Pentecost:*

Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*A sentence of scripture may be read (see pages 78-82), and the presiding minister  
may introduce the liturgy of the day.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

*or another suitable opening prayer*

## PENITENCE

*The prayers of penitence may take place at this point or before or after the Intercessions.*

*The Commandments may be read (and should be read during Advent and Lent), or The Beatitudes (pages 223-224), or The Summary of the Law:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law  
and the prophets.

*Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us,  
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

*The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may walk in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The presiding minister pronounces the absolution:*

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

*Suitable penitential sentences may be used instead of the confession and absolution (pages 224-236) with these responses:*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*This canticle may be omitted in Advent and Lent and on weekdays which are not holy days. Other versions of this canticle may be used, or when appropriate another suitable hymn of praise.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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 OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister introduces the Collect, allowing a short space for silence, and the people respond to the Collect with their **Amen.***

### Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING  
*is normally from the Old Testament.*

*At the end the reader may say*  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM  
*'Glory to the Father...' may be omitted.*

THE SECOND READING  
*is from the New Testament.*

*At the end the reader may say*  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL  
*A canticle, psalm, hymn, anthem or acclamation may be sung.*

*Stand*

THE GOSPEL READING

*The Gospel Reading is introduced by the following words:*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,  
according to ... chapter ... beginning at verse ...

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*and concludes with:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON  
*is preached here or after the Creed.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The Nicene Creed is said on Sundays and principal holy days. The Creed may be omitted on ordinary weekdays or on festivals which are not principal holy days.*

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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 Prayers of the People

*The Intercessions will normally include prayer for:*

*the universal Church of God*

*the nations of the world*

*the local community*

*those in need*

*and remembrance of, and thanksgiving for, the faithful departed.*

*When appropriate, the prayers may be more focussed on one or two themes.*

*Prayers may be read by a deacon or lay person, or may be in silence with biddings, or may be in the form of open prayer, where members of the congregation contribute.*

*If a versicle and response are required after each section, one of the following may be said or sung:*

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

*or*

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*or*

**Kyrie eleison.**

*At the end of the Intercessions the following may be used when appropriate:*

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

*or other suitable words*

*or*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:  
**Our Father ...**

*If the Lord's Prayer is used at this point in the service, it is not used after the Great Thanksgiving.*

*If the Penitence comes at this point of the service it may be followed by:*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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.

THE PEACE

*The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words:*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

*or*

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another:  
even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. *John 13: 34*

*or*

If you forgive others their sins,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you;  
but if you do not forgive others,  
neither will your Father forgive your sins. *Matthew 6: 14-15*

*followed by:*

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

*It is appropriate that the congregation share with one another a sign of peace.*

*This may be introduced with the words:*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Celebrating at the Lord's Table

*The table may be prepared by a deacon or lay people.*

*The gifts of money may be brought forward and presented.*

### AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*The bread and wine shall be placed on the table for the communion if this has not already been done, and one of the following may be said:*

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life,  
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

How can I repay the Lord  
for all the benefits he has given to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

*Psalm 116: 12-14*

Lord, yours is the greatness  
and the power and the glory  
and the victory and the majesty;  
for all things come from you  
and of your own we give you.

*1 Chronicles 29: 11,14*

### THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*Stand*

*The bishop or priest who presides takes the bread and wine and may say*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*One of the following Eucharistic Prayers is said by the presiding minister:*

**Prayer 1**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

*or*

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.**

Father, almighty and everliving God,  
at all times and in all places  
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

*When there is a Proper Preface it follows here (pages 224-235)*

And so with all your people,  
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!**

Blessed are you, Father,  
the creator and sustainer of all things;  
you made us in your own image,  
male and female you created us;  
even when we turned away from you,  
you never ceased to care for us,  
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving your only begotten Son to become man  
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:  
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world:  
he instituted,  
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,  
he gave it to them, saying, Drink 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we do as Christ your Son commanded:  
**we remember his passion and death,**  
**we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,**  
**and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,  
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit  
that we may be made one in your holy Church  
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,  
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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## Prayer 2

*The indented paragraphs may be added to the prayer at the appropriate season or day.*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

*or*

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.**

All glory and honour, thanks and praise  
be given to you at all times and in all places,  
Lord, holy Father, true and living God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal Word  
through whom you have created all things  
from the beginning  
and formed us in your own image.

*In Advent*

In him the day of our deliverance has dawned.  
We rejoice that through him you make all things new  
and we look for his coming in power and majesty to judge  
the world.

In your great love you gave him  
to be made man for us and to share our common life.

*At Christmas, Presentation, Annunciation*

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,  
and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.

*At Epiphany and on the Transfiguration*

You have revealed in him your eternal plan of salvation  
and showed him to be the light of all the nations.  
His glory has shone among us,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.

*In Lent*

He was tempted in every way as we are,  
yet he did not sin;  
and he gives us strength to control our desires,  
and to walk in his way of love.

In obedience to your will  
your Son our Saviour offered himself as a perfect sacrifice,  
and died on the cross for our redemption.  
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin  
and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

*In Passiontide and Holy Week*

For he is the true passover Lamb  
who was offered for us  
and has taken away the sin of the world.

*In Eastertide*

For he is the true passover Lamb  
who was offered for us  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death  
and by his rising to life  
he has restored to us eternal life.

He is our great high priest  
whom you raised from death  
and exalted to your right hand on high  
where he ever lives to intercede for us.

*In Ascensiontide*

He has passed beyond our sight,  
not to abandon us but to be our hope,

that where he is we might also be  
and reign with him in glory.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit  
and made us a royal priesthood  
called to serve you for ever.

*On the Day of Pentecost*

By the same Spirit  
we are led into all truth  
and given power to proclaim with boldness  
the glorious gospel to all the world.

*On Trinity Sunday*

You have revealed to us your glory and love  
in the glory and love of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;  
three persons, one God,  
ever to be worshipped and adored.

*On Saints' Days*

You have called us into the fellowship of ( ... and) all your  
saints, and set before us the example of their witness  
and of the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

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.**

Merciful Father, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ  
in remembrance of his death and passion  
may be partakers of his body and his blood,

who on the night he was betrayed took bread;  
and when he had given 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.  
After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
Drink from 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.

Father, with this bread and this cup,  
we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;  
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
and we look for his coming  
to fulfil all things according to your will.

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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### Prayer 3

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

*or*

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.**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you for your goodness and your love.  
When we turned away you did not reject us.  
You came to meet us in your Son,  
welcomed us as your children  
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross  
and, with love stronger than death,  
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer,  
on the night before you died  
you came to table with your friends.  
Taking bread, you gave thanks, 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.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the bread of life.**



At the end of supper  
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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 in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
**dying, you destroyed our death,  
rising, you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,  
come upon us now;  
may this bread and wine be to us  
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:  
with your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,  
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.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The presiding minister says*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

**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.

*or*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be 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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The presiding minister (who may be assisted by the deacon) breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion.*

The bread which we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,**  
for we all share in the one bread.

## THE COMMUNION

*The presiding minister says*

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Remember that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*or*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*or*

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,  
who has taken away the sins of the world.  
Happy 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.**

*The presiding minister and people receive communion.*

*The minister who gives the bread and wine says*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you,  
preserve your body and soul to eternal life. Take and eat this in  
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your  
heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you,  
preserve your body and soul to eternal life. Drink this in  
remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

*or*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.  
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*or*

The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

*and the communicant replies* **Amen.**

*The following anthem may be sung after the Breaking of the Bread or during the Communion:*

**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.**

*or*

**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.**

*Other hymns or anthems may be sung.*

#### THE GREAT SILENCE

*When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.*

#### Going Out as God's People

*A hymn may be sung here or before the Dismissal.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The appropriate Post Communion Prayer (pages 241-336), or the following may be said:*

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All say*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of 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.**

DISMISSAL

*The presiding minister may say the seasonal blessing,  
or another suitable blessing, or*

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;

*ending:*

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

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*From Easter Day to Pentecost:*

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Appendix

### A. Commandments and Beatitudes

#### 1. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and take them to heart:

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BUT ME.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. *Matthew 22: 37*

YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF ANY IDOL.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4: 24*

YOU SHALL NOT DISHONOUR THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD.

You shall worship him with reverence and awe. *Hebrews 12: 28*

REMEMBER THE LORD'S DAY, AND KEEP IT HOLY.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. *Colossians 3: 1, 2*

**Lord, have mercy on us,  
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Live as servants of God, honour all people, love your brothers and sisters in Christ. *1 Peter 2: 16*

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER.

Be reconciled to your brother and sister: overcome evil with good. *Matthew 5: 24, Romans 12: 21*

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. *1 Corinthians 6: 19*

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need. *Ephesians 4: 28*

YOU SHALL NOT BE A FALSE WITNESS.

Let everyone speak the truth. *Ephesians 4: 25*

YOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING WHICH BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

*Acts 20: 35, Romans 13: 9,10*

**Lord, have mercy on us,  
and write all these your laws in our hearts.**

## 2. THE BEATTITUDES

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are those who weep,  
for they shall be consoled.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall be satisfied.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.  
**Jesus, remember me**  
**when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.  
**Jesus, remember me**  
**when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called the children of God.  
**Jesus, remember me**  
**when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
**Jesus, remember me**  
**when you come into your kingdom.**

## **B. Seasonal Variations**

### **ADVENT**

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

Christ, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **PENITENTIAL KYRIES**



## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1: 78,79*

## PREFACE

Salvation is your gift  
through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and by him you will make all things new  
when he returns in glory to judge the world:

## BLESSING

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you,  
gladden your hearts  
and scatter the darkness from before you:

## CHRISTMAS

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Lord God, mighty God,  
you are the creator of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,  
you are the Prince of Peace.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
by your power the Word was made flesh  
and came to dwell among us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

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

*Isaiah 9: 6*

## PREFACE

You have given Jesus Christ your only Son  
to be born of the Virgin Mary,  
and through him you have given us power  
to become the children of God:

## BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one  
all things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with his joy and peace:

## EPIPHANY

God be merciful to us and bless us,  
and make his face to shine on us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on earth,  
your saving power to all nations.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

*Isaiah 9: 6,7*

## PREFACE

For Jesus Christ our Lord  
who in human likeness revealed your glory,  
to bring us out of darkness  
into the splendour of his light:

## BLESSING

Christ the Son be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world:

## LENT

In the wilderness we find your grace:  
you love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

There is none but you to uphold our cause;  
our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;  
Restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Being justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.      *Romans 5: 1,2*

## PREFACE

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin;  
by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:

## BLESSING

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

## PASSIONTIDE AND HOLY WEEK

### PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Lord God,  
you sent your Son to reconcile us to yourself and to one another.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you heal the wounds of sin and division.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
through you we put to death the sins of the body – and live.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood; for he is our peace.

*Ephesians 2: 17*

### PREFACE

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who, for the redemption of the world,  
humbled himself to death on the cross;  
that, being lifted up from the earth,  
he might draw all people to himself:

### BLESSING

Christ draw you to himself  
and grant that you find in his cross  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven:

## EASTER

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Lord God, you raised your Son from the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, through you we are more than conquerors.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you help us in our weakness.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20: 19,20*

## PREFACE

Above all we praise you  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us;  
by dying he destroyed our death;  
by rising he restored our life:

## BLESSING

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight:

*or*

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:

## ASCENSION

God our Father,  
you exalted your Son to sit at your right hand.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, Counsellor,  
you are sent to be with us for ever.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

*John 14: 27,28*

## PREFACE

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who after he had risen from the dead  
ascended into heaven,  
where he is seated at your right hand to intercede for us  
and to prepare a place for us in glory:

## BLESSING

Christ our exalted King  
pour on you his abundant gifts  
make you faithful and strong to do his will  
that you may reign with him in glory:

## PENTECOST

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Great and wonderful are your deeds,  
Lord God the Almighty

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You are the King of glory, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

*Galatians 5: 22*

## PREFACE

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

according to whose promise

the Holy Spirit came to dwell in us,

making us your children,

and giving us power to proclaim the gospel throughout the world:

## BLESSING

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,

give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

and to proclaim the words and works of God:

## TRINITY SUNDAY

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you give us life and peace.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit the Life-giver.  
The peace of the Triune God be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PREFACE

You have revealed your glory  
as the glory of your Son and of the Holy Spirit:  
three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,  
yet one Lord, one God,  
ever to be worshipped and adored:

## BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity  
make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace:

## TRANSFIGURATION

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
and your justice as the great deep.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For with you is the well of life:  
and in your light shall we see light.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**



## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Christ will transfigure our human body  
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.  
We are the Body of Christ. We share his peace.

*Philippians 3: 21 1 Corinthians 11: 27 Romans 5: 1*

## PREFACE

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whose divine glory shone forth upon the holy mountain  
before chosen witnesses of his majesty;  
when your own voice from heaven  
proclaimed him your beloved Son:

## BLESSING

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith:

*These variations may be used on the Sunday before Lent if the Transfiguration option is taken.*

## THE PRESENTATION, THE ANNUNCIATION, THE VISITATION AND THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Lord God, mighty God,  
you are the creator of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,  
you are the Prince of Peace.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
by your power the Word was made flesh  
and came to dwell among us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

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

*Isaiah 9: 7*

## PREFACE

You chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son  
and so exalted the humble and meek;  
your angel hailed her as most highly favoured,  
and with all generations we call her blessed:

## BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace  
to trust his promises and obey his will:

## SAINTS' DAYS

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all,  
and your mercy is over all your creation.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name,  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints  
and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who came and preached peace to those who were far off  
and those who were near.

*Ephesians 2: 19,17*

## PREFACE

In the saints  
you have given us an example of godly living,  
that, rejoicing in their fellowship,  
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory:

## BLESSING

God give you grace  
to share the inheritance of .... and of his saints in glory:

## IRISH SAINTS

O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who trust in him.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants  
and none who trust in him will be destroyed.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Come my children, listen to me:  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house, and peace to all who are yours.  
*1 Samuel 25: 6*

## PREFACE

To this land you sent the glorious gospel  
through the preaching of Patrick.  
You caused it to grow and flourish in [the life of your servant .... and in]  
the lives of men and women, filled with your Holy Spirit,  
building up your Church to send forth the good news to other places:

BLESSING

God, who in days of old gave to this land the benediction of his holy Church,  
fill you with his grace to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints  
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:

MICHAELMAS

PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Woe is me, for I am lost;  
I am a person of unclean lips.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your guilt is taken away,  
and your sin forgiven.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

Hear again the song of the angels:  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.

*Luke 2: 14*

PREFACE

*A Preface is not used on the festival of Saint Michael and all Angels.*

BLESSING

The God of all creation  
guard you by his angels,  
and grant you the citizenship of heaven:

## C. Forms of Intercession

### ONE

Almighty and everliving God,  
hear the prayers which we offer in faith and love:

For peace, and for your salvation to be known throughout the world ...

For the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church  
and for the unity of all Christian people ...

For all who serve and lead in your Church,  
for bishops, priests and deacons ...

For all your people, growing in the faith of Christ,  
and passing it on to generations yet to come ...

For all who live and work in this community ...

For families, and for those who live alone ...

For all who are sick in body or in mind,  
and for those who care for them ...

For all in authority,  
and especially for [*N.I. Elizabeth our Queen*] [*R.I. our President*] ...

For all who have been entrusted with the responsibility of government ...

For those who work for peace, justice and righteousness throughout the  
world ...

Rejoicing in the fellowship of your holy apostles and martyrs, and of all  
your servants departed this life in your faith and fear, we commend our-  
selves and one another and our whole life to you, Lord God; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## TWO

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you promised through your Son Jesus Christ  
to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith.

Lord of your people:  
strengthen your Church in all the world ...  
renew the life of this diocese ...  
bless .... our bishop, and build us up in faith and love.

Lord of creation:  
look with favour on the world you have made,  
guide the nations in the ways of justice and of peace,  
and bless [*N.I. Elizabeth our Queen and all in authority*]  
[*R.I. our President, .... and all in authority*].

Lord of our relationships:  
comfort and sustain the communities in which we live and work ...  
help us to love our neighbours as ourselves,  
Enable us to serve our families and friends  
and to love one another as you love us.

Lord of all healing:  
relieve and protect those who are sick or suffering,  
be with those who have any special need ...  
and deliver all who know danger, violence or oppression.

Lord of eternity:  
bind us together by your Holy Spirit,  
in communion with .... and all who, having confessed the Faith,  
have died in the peace of Christ, that we may entrust ourselves,  
and one another, and our whole life to you, Lord God,  
and come with all your saints to the joys of your eternal kingdom.  
**Amen.**

### THREE

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church  
**that we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you:  
**that your name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons  
**that they may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world  
**that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake  
**that your glory may be proclaimed through our lives.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble  
**that they may be delivered from their distress.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered their eternal joy  
**may we also come to share in the fulness of your kingdom.**

We pray for our own needs and for those of others:

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Gracious God, grant that the desires of your people's hearts  
may find favour in your sight,  
through the intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **D. When the Consecrated Elements are insufficient**

*If either of the consecrated elements is insufficient, the presiding minister adds further bread or wine, silently, or using the following words:*

Father,  
having given thanks over the bread and the cup  
according to the institution of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who said, Take, eat, this is my body.

*and/or*

Drink this, this is my blood.

We pray that this bread/wine also may be to us his body/blood,  
to be received in remembrance of him.