

An Order for the Holy Eucharist

1 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.

Or in Eastertide:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Either

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.

Or

Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.
No secrets are hidden from you.
Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit
that we may love and worship you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Either:

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

or:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence.

**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 gives God's forgiveness:

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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 OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

2 The Proclamation of the Word

After the reading:

Either Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Or This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING

(A PSALM)

A NEW TESTAMENT READING

THE GOSPEL

The reader says:

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to Saint ...
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel the reader says:

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

THE SERMON

AN AFFIRMATION OF THE FAITH

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.

3 The Intercession

Appropriate responses may be used, for example:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude with:

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

One of the following prayers may then be said:

**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.**

Or **Lord Jesus Christ,
you draw and welcome us,
emptied of pride and hungry for your grace,
to this your kingdom's feast.
Nowhere can we find the food
for which our souls cry out,
but here, Lord, at your table.
Invigorate and nourish us, good Lord,
that in and through this bread and wine
your love may meet us
and your life complete us
in the power and glory of your kingdom.
Amen.**

4 The Peace

A sentence of Scripture may be read.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

5 The Thanksgiving

The priest takes the bread and the cup.

Either the priest may say:

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.**

Or the priest may praise God for his gifts in these words

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Or The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

The priest continues until:

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**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.**

The Priest recalls the Last Supper and then:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

The priest continues until:

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.

Silence.

Let us pray with
confidence to the Father:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us,
we boldly pray:

**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.**

6 The Communion

The priest breaks the bread.

Either 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.**

Or Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This anthem may be used here or during the communion.

Either Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Or Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

As we are unable to distribute communion you may wish to pray the following words:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,

may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

7 The Sending Out

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

A post-communion prayer and/or one of the following prayers is used:

**We thank you, Father,
for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son
in this holy sacrament,
through which we are assured of the hope of eternal life.
We offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice.
Keep us in the fellowship of his body, the Church,
and send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Or Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit
that when the Lord comes again
we may shine as lights before him,
who is alive and reigns
in glory for ever. Amen.**

**Or 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.**

**Or 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 risen Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The priest gives God's blessing and an appropriate dismissal may be added

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!