

The Celebration of the Lords Supper

(Congregational responses are in **bold** type)

THE GATHERING – Please stand

Let us acknowledge God's presence
with us now.

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Loving Lord,
Open our hearts to your presence,
Open our ears to your voice
Open our eyes to see your kingdom
Here in this place,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WE MAKE OUR PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBOUR

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

We greet one another with a sign of peace

Psalm 145:10-12

All your works shall give thanks
to you, O Lord, and all your
faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power, to make known to all
people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

HYMN

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name
we praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.*

*To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought
changeth Thee.*

*Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.*

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise*

WE MAKE OUR PEACE WITH GOD

After some introductory words the minister may say

Let us confess our sins, in penitence
and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and peace with
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.
Thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
you have forgiven all that is past
Grant that we may evermore remain in him
and he in us
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The leader declares God's forgiveness

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH - Please Stand

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who
made all things?

I believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
who redeemed the world?

I believe and trust in Him.

*Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who
gives life to the people of God?*

I believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Reading: Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

'But to what will I compare this generation?

It is like children sitting in the market-places and
calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not

dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

SERMON

HYMN

**Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: Thy best, thy heav’nly Friend
Thru thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: The hour is hast’ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: When change and tears are
past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

THE PRAYERS - *This response may be used*

Your kingdom come,
Your will be done.

Ending... **on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour 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.**

SONG

**Praise unbroken
Praise unending
Be Yours, be Yours forevermore
Praise untainted
Praise unfading
Be Yours, be Yours forevermore
Be Yours, be Yours forevermore**

***Unbroken praise be Yours, God, forever
All my praise be Yours, God, forever
Lord take this life, let it become Your
throne
Unbroken praise, be Yours***

**My surrender
My devotion
Be Yours, be Yours forevermore
Be Yours, be Yours forevermore**

***Unbroken praise be Yours, God, forever
All my praise be Yours, God, forever
Lord take this life, let it become Your
throne
Unbroken praise be Yours
Unbroken praise be Yours, God, forever***

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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

*Anyone who accepts Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
and would normally participate in their own church is
welcome to come and receive the bread and wine.*

SONG

Oh, how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery?
Say, "take this bread, take this wine"
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

*By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful
Lord, we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
We remember You*

See His body, His blood
Know that He has overcome
Every trial we will face
None too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place

*By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful
Lord, we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
We remember You*

**Dying, You destroyed our death
Rising, You restored our life
Lord Jesus, come in glory
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

*By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful
Lord, we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
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*We respond to Your invitation
We respond to Your invitation
We remember You
Oh, we remember You
We remember You
We remember You*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**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

SONG

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen

May His favour be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you

WE RE-DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE

A prayer of blessing may be said followed by these words

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

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