

## Service of Holy Communion

### *Call to Worship*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth:

**All Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Come into his presence with singing:

**All Enter his gates with thanksgiving.**

Enter and his courts with praise:

**All Give thanks to him and bless his name.**

*A HYMN or SONG may be included here*

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

**All and also with you.**

**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.**

### Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may act justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**New Testament Reading:** Revelation 3.14-22

### **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the faithful and true witness,  
the origin of God's creation.  
We come to you to buy gold:  
that we may be rich.  
We come to you to be clothed with white robes:  
that our nakedness may not be seen.  
We come to you to buy salve to put on our eyes:  
that we may see.  
Transform us from our lukewarmness.  
Come into our lives that we may eat with you and you with us.  
So may we conquer  
and receive a place with you on your throne,  
where you are seated in glory. Amen.

### **Generous Churches Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
as we seek to grow as Generous Churches Making and  
Nurturing Disciples:

Help us to fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith:  
**and grow in Christ-likeness.**

Help us to be salt that does not lose its taste:  
**and grow in influence.**

Help us to work together as members of one body:  
**and grow in partnership.**

Help us to make disciples of all people:  
**and grow in numbers.**

Help us to give you first place in everything:  
**and grow in our commitment to Christ.**

May your kingdom come, and your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

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

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### **BLESSING**

Now to him who by the power at work within us  
is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
to all generations, for ever and ever.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you always.  
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Giving of Communion

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

**All** Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.

**The Bread and Wine are distributed.**

**After receiving the wine, everyone is invited to remain at the Communion rail to receive the following prayer with the laying on of hands:**

*N, as you kneel before the Father,  
from the riches of his glory  
may he strengthen you with power  
in your inner being through his Spirit.  
May Christ dwell in your heart through faith,  
and may you know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
and be filled with all the fullness of God.  
Amen.*

## Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John  
**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

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

## Prayer of Commitment

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
thank you for dying on the cross to free us from our sin.  
Thank you for the gift of forgiveness,  
for the gift of new life,  
and for the promise of the Holy Spirit.  
I am willing to turn away from all that I know is wrong  
and to make you Lord of my life.  
I admit that my commitment to you  
has often been lukewarm  
and that I need your forgiveness.  
As you knock at the door of my life,  
I now open the door.  
Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit.  
Come in to save me and to lead me,  
come in to be with me for ever.  
Help me to be committed to you  
in faith and obedience  
and to serve you all for the remaining years of my life.  
Thank you, Lord Jesus.  
Amen.**

## The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we  
have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

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## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

**All** His Spirit is with us.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All** You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All** He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he 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.

**All** Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All** Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All** As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.