Family Communion





The Gathering

The people stand as the ministers enter

Priest: In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Greeting

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

All: and also with you.

The people are welcomed and the service introduced

We sing the opening hymn

Priest: Together we pray...

All: Lord, direct our thoughts;

teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit,

and in truth

through Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Prayers of Penitence

We bring before God our sins and our wrongdoing and receive His forgiveness

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us:

All: Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us:

All: Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us:

All: Save us and help us.

During Advent and Lent we sing...

Lord, have mercy on us, hear our humble plea; Lord, have mercy on us, set our spirits free.

Christ, have mercy on us, hear us as we pray; Christ, have mercy on us, take our sin away. Lord, have mercy on us, hear our humble plea; Lord, have mercy on us, set our sprints free.

Michael Forster (b.1946)

Priest: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Gloria

We sing this or another hymn of praise (not in Advent or Lent)

Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!
Songs of adoration, Lord, to you we bring,
praising your great goodness, Father, heav'nly King.
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!

Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin, Lamb of God, have mercy, grant us peace within. You, O Christ, are holy, you alone are Lord, with the Holy Spirit evermore adored. Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise! Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!

The Collect

The Priest leads us in prayer at the end of which we respond:

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit and listen to God's word

At the end of the reading, the reader says...

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the Gradual hymn

We remain standing as the Gospel is read.

The Gospel acclamation may be used

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness

but will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says...

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Address or Presentation

An Affirmation of Faith

Priest: Let us stand together and 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. Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel to bring our prayers before God

Please listen for the response

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

The Priest introduces the peace in these or similar words...

Priest: We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet each other as a sign of fellowship in Christ

The Presentation of the gifts

The Offertory hymn is sung during which the bread and wine are taken to the altar and a collection is taken

The Preparation of the Altar

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

Priest: Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All: All things come from you, and of your own do we give you

The Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing as prayers of thanksgiving are made during which the bread and the wine become for us the body and blood of Jesus.

Priest: The Lord be with you All: and also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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:

We 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 [Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes in the Lord's name. Blessed, blessed, blest is he who comes. blest is he who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the heights of heaven Blessed, blessed is the Lord.] John Ballantine (b.1945)

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread saying:

Priest: 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.

The Agnus Dei

is sung...

O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts and take our sin away.
O Lamb of God, your grace impart, and let our guilty fear depart, have mercy, Lord, we pray, have mercy, Lord, we pray.

O Lamb of God, our lives restore, our guilty souls release. Into our lives your sprit pour and let us live for evermore in perfect heav'nly peace, in perfect heav'nly peace.

Giving of Communion

Priest: God's holy gifts

for God's holy people.

AII:

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The priest and people receive Communion

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament please come forward for a blessing.

At the distribution the following is said to each communicant:

The body of Christ The blood of Christ

The communicant replies each time **Amen.**

During the distribution hymns or songs may be sung.



Prayers after Communion

We sit or kneel

The Priest says the Post Communion prayer and all respond All: Amen.

We pray together...

All: Lord, we have broken your bread, we have received your life.

By the power of your spirit keep us always in your love.

Amen.

Notices may be given out and Banns of Marriage read
We stand to sing the closing hymn

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The Priest prays over the people and gives them God's blessing...

Priest: ... 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 the peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen