

Order for a Service of Holy Communion

St Michael de Rupe & Christ Church, Brentor

The Gathering

The service begins with the entry of the minister(s); please stand

A Hymn may be sung

The president may say

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All:

(or)

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

All: and also with you.

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation may follow

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

The service continues with the Prayer of Preparation

Prayer of Preparation

**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

The Commandments, the Comfortable Words, the Beatitudes, or the following Summary of the Law may be used

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Invitation to Confession

A seasonal invitation to confession or these words may be used

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

The president or another 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.

Please kneel or sit

One of the following confessions may be said, or with suitable penitential sentences, the Kyrie Eleison may be used

**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.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

to the glory of your name.
Amen.

(or)

All: Father eternal,
giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,
and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.
Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

The president says the following or other suitable words

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

If the Gloria in Excelsis is not said or sung, the service continues with the Collect.

Gloria in Excelsis

All standing, the Gloria in Excelsis may be said or sung

All: 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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray...

The prayer proper to the day is said or sung, and all respond

All: Amen

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading. At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Hymn may be sung [between readings], please stand

(or)

A Psalm may be said [between readings]: please remain seated

Gospel Reading

All standing, the president or another minister reads the Gospel

An Acclamation may herald the reading, and all respond

All: Alleluia

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says

[The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.]

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

At the end

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

Sermon

A Sermon may be preached: please sit

[A Hymn may be sung]

The Nicene Creed

The president says the following or other suitable words

Let us stand and declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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.

(or)

Affirmation of Faith

The president says the following or other suitable words

I ask you to stand to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

The president [or intercessor] introduces the prayers of intercession with these or other suitable words

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father

Prayers are offered for the church and for the world. One of the following responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

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

(or)

Almighty God,
you have promised to hear the prayers
of those who ask in your Son's name;
we pray that what we have asked faithfully
we may obtain effectually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All standing, the president introduces the Peace with one of the following sentences or other suitable words

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

(or)

Christ is our peace.
He had reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

(or)

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

And then says

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

The president or another minister may say

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

A Hymn may be sung

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented and bread and wine are placed on the altar.
The president may say*

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 president takes the bread and wine and says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
All: Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
All: Blessed be God for ever.

(or)

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says or sings

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.

One of the following Eucharistic Prayers, or an authorized alternative is used.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The president says

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Proper Preface *when appropriate*

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*:

All: 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.**

Please kneel or sit

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

The president or another minister says:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

(or)

Christ is the bread of life:

All: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

(or)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

(or)

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All: **Lord, by your death and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Silence may be kept

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer B

The president says

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Proper Preface *when appropriate*

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:

All: **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.**

Please kneel or sit

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The president or another minister says:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

(or)

Christ is the bread of life:
**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

(or)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

(or)

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**All: Lord, by your death and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Silence may be kept

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer C

The president says

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.**

Please kneel or sit

Silence may be kept

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The president says the following or other suitable words

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: 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.

(or)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

All: **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.

(or)

All: **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.

The Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(or)

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.

(or)

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

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

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Approach to Communion

All: 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.

(or)

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 Giving of Communion

The president and people receive communion.

Everyone in Church is invited to the sanctuary rail. Those who receive Communion in any Christian Church, or are permitted to do so, are welcome to receive the sacrament here. Otherwise, please bow your head for a blessing at the rail.

At the distribution the minister says to each communicant

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

(or)

The body of Christ, broken for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

(or)

The bread of heaven in Christ Jesus.
The cup of life in Christ Jesus.

*The communicant replies each time **Amen** and then receives*

During the distribution Hymns may be sung

Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or after the service

Prayer after Communion

Please kneel or sit

The president introduces a time of prayer

Let us pray...

Silence may be kept

One of the following prayers may be used

All: 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.

(or)

All: 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.

The Dismissal

Blessing

The president says the following or other suitable words

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;

concluding

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

All: Amen.

The president or another minister says

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

(or)

Go in the peace of Christ
All: Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day to Pentecost the following may be used

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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