

Holy Communion

Second Order

The background to Holy Communion is given in a number of Bible passages. Exodus 12 tells the story of the Passover. Jesus developed the Passover meal into the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, as described in the first three Gospels and in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-34.

We welcome to the Lord's table all baptized believers who are communicant members of other Christian churches (see Canon B15A). Confirmation classes are arranged for those who wish to become communicant members of the Church of England. Please inform the minister(s) if you are interested.

1 *The minister welcomes the people saying:*

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

either

The Lord be with you

All **and with your spirit.**

or

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and with you.**

A sign of peace may be exchanged.

2 A HYMN *may be sung.*

3

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,
so that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

4 THE COLLECT (*special prayer*) OF THE DAY (*page 84ff. in the printed edition*).

5 THE PRAYERS, *including remembrance of the monarch and those in authority (see e.g. pp. 39ff. in the printed edition)*.

Each prayer may end with Amen, or this response:

Minister Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

The time of prayer may be ended with this response:

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

6 *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (p. 35 in the printed edition) may be used or another HYMN may be sung.*

7 THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.

The first is usually from a New Testament letter or alternatively from the Old Testament and the second is always from one of the four Gospels.

It is customary to stand for the Gospel reading.

After each reading the reader says:

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

8 THE NICENE CREED

All **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things, visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all ages,
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.
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of 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
according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He shall come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
I believe one catholic, and apostolic church,
and I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- 9 THE NOTICES *and* BANNS OF MARRIAGE *are announced, after which the OFFERING is received.*
- 10 A HYMN *may be sung.*
- 11 THE SERMON *is preached.*
- 12 A HYMN *may be sung, during which the minister prepares the bread and wine.*
- 13 THE COMMANDMENTS (*p. 61 in the printed edition*) or this SUMMARY OF THE LAW *is said:*

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The most important commandment is this: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. (*Mark 12: 29-31*)

All **Lord, have mercy on us,
and incline our hearts to keep these laws.**

14 *The minister reads these* SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE:

Listen to our Lord Jesus's Christ's words of assurance to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11: 28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3: 16*

The apostle Paul says:
Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1: 15*

The apostle John says:
If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. *1 John 2: 1-2*

The apostle Paul also says:
Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. *1 Corinthians 11: 26-28*

15 CONFESSION

All **Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,**

we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
by thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us.
And strengthen us to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

16 *The minister declares* GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who has promised forgiveness to all who repent and have true faith in him, be merciful to you, pardon and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in his service, and bring you to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

17

All We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not even worthy
to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
who delights in showing mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat this bread and drink this wine
that we may feed on Christ in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

18

Minister Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister It is indeed right, our duty and joy, always and everywhere, to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, Almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

We especially praise you because in your tender mercy you sent him to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. There he made, by his once and for all offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin.

People **Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with the whole company of heaven,
we praise and magnify your glorious name,
evermore praising you, and saying:
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this wine according to your Son Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed he took bread (*the minister takes the bread*) and, when he had given thanks, he broke it (*he breaks the bread*) and said, 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, (*he takes the cup*) saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

19 THE ADMINISTRATION

These words are said at the administration of the bread:

either

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to eternal life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

or

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you and be thankful.

These words are said at the administration of the cup:

either

May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to eternal life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

or

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

20 THE LORD'S PRAYER

either

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
now and for ever. Amen.

21 PRAYER:

either

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of 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 into the world

in the power of your Spirit,
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.

or

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for reassuring us at this communion
of your favour and goodness towards us;
that we are truly members of the body of your Son;
and that we are also heirs, through hope,
of your eternal kingdom.
We humbly beg you, heavenly Father,
to keep us as faithful members of your church
and to strengthen us by your Spirit
so that we may fulfil those good works
which you have prepared for us to do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

22 ACCLAMATION

All Christ has died:
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

23 *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS* (page 35 of the printed edition) may be used or a HYMN
may be sung. The minister may say THE BLESSING (p. 24)

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