

AGNUS DEI

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 PEACE

Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
is with us now.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, broke it and said,
“This is my body, it is broken for you.”
Let us share the bread of life together.

(The Bread is shared with those gathered)

TAKING THE CUP

And later he took the cup of wine and said,
“This is the new relationship with God,
made possible because of my death.
Take this – all of you – to remember me.”
Let us drink from the cup of salvation together.

(The Cup is shared with those gathered)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have opened to us the scriptures and made yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. Stay with us, that in the strength of your presence and truth we may go all our journey through and at its end see you face to face in the glory of the eternal Trinity, with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

AN ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The congregation is invited to join in where the print is bold

INVITATION

This is the table,
not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is to be made ready for those who love him
and who want to love him more.
So, come, you who have much faith
and you who have little,
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.
Come,
not because it is I who invite you: it is our Lord.
It is his will that those who want Him
should meet Him here. So come!

GRACE

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

INSTITUTION

Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began.

On the night on which Jesus was betrayed, he sat at supper with his disciples. While they were eating, he took a piece of bread, said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the words,
“This is my body. It is broken for you.
Do this to remember me.”
Later, he took a cup of wine, saying,
“This cup is God’s new covenant, sealed with my blood.
Drink from it, all of you, to remember me.”

TAKING THE BREAD AND WINE

So now, following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make special. And as he said a prayer before sharing, let us do so too.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God,
you made this world marvelous
for us to enjoy.

You gave Jesus
to be our friend
and to bring us to you.

You send your Spirit,
to make us one family in Christ.

And now we give thanks that in the coming of Christ the day of our deliverance is dawning. We wait for the Lord with longing, like those who watch for morning. For the Lord is love unfailing, and great is His power to save.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent him into this world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Saviour, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host.

Our praise to you, Gracious God, would be the offering of ourselves as living sacrifices, dedicated and fit for your acceptance. May this be so, as we share in the body and blood of Jesus Christ and know the ground of our faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Hear us, Gracious God, as our prayers conclude with those words of prayer taught by Jesus to disciples who asked how they should pray:

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. AMEN.**