

The Holy Eucharist

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says to the people: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel of Matthew 5:21-24

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder', and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A Litany of Social Penance

Celebrant O God, our Creator, who has made us your human children as one family in you, so that what concerns any must concern all, we confess the evils we have done and the good we have left undone. We have spent our strength too often upon the tower of Babel of our own pride, and have forgotten the city that has foundations, whose builder and maker is You. We have been content that we ourselves should prosper though many might be poor, that a few should feast while multitudes were famished both in body and in soul. O You, who has taught us that whatsoever we sow, what shall we also reap, help us to repent before your judgment comes. [silence may be kept]

Reader For the clouded eyes that see no further than our own advantage,

People We confess our sin, O God.

Reader For the dulled imagination that does not know what others suffer,

People We confess our sin, O God.

Reader For the willingness to profit by injustice which we have not striven to prevent,
People We confess our sin, O God.

Reader For the selfishness that is quick to gain and slow to give,
People We confess our sin, O God.

Reader For the unconcern that makes us cry, 'Am I my brother's keeper?',
People We confess our sin, O God.

Reader O You who are ever merciful, take away the evil of our conscious and unconscious wrongs, forgive us for our unfaithfulness to the vision of your Kingdom and grant to us a better purpose for the days to come. From acquiescence in old iniquities,
People Save us, O God.

Reader From indifference to the human cost of anything we covet,
People Save us, O God.

Reader From the greed that wastes the lives of men and women through unemployment, poverty and deprivation,
People Save us, O God.

Reader From the cruelty that exploits the needy and defenseless,
People Save us, O God.

Reader From the blasphemy against the Spirit that sells the bodies and souls of children to the golden idol of success,
People Save us, O God.

Reader From false leadership in business and in government, and above all from feebleness in the people that lets false leaders rise to power,
People Save us, O God.

Reader Unless the Lord builds the house,
People Their labor is but vain who builds it.

Reader But the One who sits upon the throne said,
People Behold, I make all things new.

Reader Even so, O God, let your redemptive purposes work through us to build a new and better order on this earth, for the blessing of your people and the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ.
People Amen.

Celebrant On this day we are invited to put our words and lives into action. I invite each one of you to state briefly what will be your next step. (Allow time for everyone to speak.)

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power, you sustain the universe.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we have rejected the wonder of the diversity of races and cultures that you gave us so that we might know you in all your majesty, and we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, you brought healing to our world and gathered us into one great family. Through the powerful and graceful witness of your saints, you have enriched our vision of the people called together by your love in the redeeming power of our Savior.

People Glory to God for ever and ever

Celebrant And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we sing (say):

ALL Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and ever-living God, we bless your name, because, in sending Jesus, you showed how much you love us. Caring for the poor and the hungry, Jesus nurtured the sick and rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, our Savior did not despair, but overcame hatred with love. On the cross, he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising Jesus from the dead, you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and giving thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and having given thanks to you, he gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant In faith we acclaim you, O Christ:

ALL Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon this, your gathered Church: fill us with your Holy Spirit, and confirm our faith in your truth; that together we may praise you and give you glory, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.