

# The Holy Eucharist on Festivals



# Order of Service

## The Gathering

*The congregation stands as the choir and clergy enter, during which a HYMN is sung.*

## The Greeting

**President** Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**All** and also with you.

*The President may introduce the day's liturgy.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*The Deacon uses this invitation to confession or other suitable words:*

**Deacon** The saints were faithful unto death  
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.  
As we celebrate their joy,  
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,  
and ask for his mercy.

*The congregation kneels or sits and a period of silence is kept.*

**Deacon** Most merciful God,  
**All** Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.

**President** 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.

*The congregation stands and the choir sings:*

### **Gloria in excelsis Deo**

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 Gloria is normally omitted during Advent and Lent.*

## The Collect

**President** Let us pray.

*A short period of silence is kept.*

*The Collect is said or sung, and the congregation responds:*

**All** Amen.

*The congregation sits.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### A Reading from the Old or New Testament

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

*A PSALM, HYMN OR CHANT is sung, during which the book of the Gospels is carried in procession through the Cathedral. The congregation stands and turns to face the Gospeller.*

### Gospel Reading

**Deacon** The Lord be with you  
**All** and also with you.

**Deacon** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

**All**



(Organ) Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*At the end there is a short period of silence; then the Deacon says*

**Deacon**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All**



*The congregation sits.*

## **Sermon**

*After the sermon, the congregation kneels or sits.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*During the intercessions, these responses may be used:*

**Intercessor**

Lord, in your mercy

**All**

hear our prayer.

*OR*

**Intercessor**

Lord, hear us.

**All**

Lord, graciously hear us.

*After the final petition the President uses these or other words:*

**President**

Almighty God,  
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one  
with your saints in heaven and on earth:  
Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage  
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,  
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness  
to your power and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**

Amen.

*The congregation stands.*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The President introduces the Peace, using these or other words:*

**President** May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,  
that you may be kept safe and blameless  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Deacon** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace, but please do not shake hands  
or make physical contact.*

## Preparation of the Table

*The offertory hymn is sung. The table is prepared and bread and  
wine are placed upon it.*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The President may use this prayer, or may pray silently during the  
hymn.*

**President** As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.

**All** Amen.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The opening dialogue and other responses in the prayer may be said or sung.*

**President**   
The \_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_ be with you

**All**   
and \_\_\_ al - so with you.

**President**   
Lift up your \_\_\_ hearts. \_\_\_

**All**   
We lift them to \_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_

**President**   
Let us give thanks \_ to \_ the Lord \_ our God.

**All**   
It is right to give thanks \_ and praise. \_\_\_

*The President praises God for his mighty acts; the choir responds by singing the SANCTUS, which may be followed by the BENEDICTUS.*

**Choir** 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.

*The congregation remains standing.*

**President** 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.

**Deacon** Great is the mystery of faith:

**All**   
*(Organ)* Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come a - gain.

**President** 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
 N and all the saints,  
 may praise and glorify you for ever,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;



## **Giving of Communion**

**President** 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.

*The choir sings the AGNUS DEI.*

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.

*The distribution of communion begins. All who are baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to receive communion in one kind only. If you would prefer to come forward to receive a blessing, please do so, holding this booklet in your hands as a sign to those administering.*

*During communion the choir sings a MOTET or CHANT.*

## After Communion

*After the distribution of communion a period of silence is kept.*

**President** Let us pray.

*The congregation stands. A prayer is said by the President, which may be followed by one of these prayers:*

**President** Father of all,  
**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.

OR

**President** Almighty God,  
**All** 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.

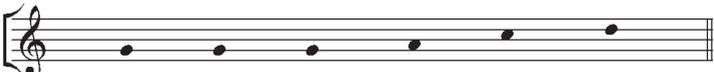
*A HYMN is sung.*

# The Dismissal

*The President uses this or another blessing:*

**President** God give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

**Deacon**   
Go in the peace of Christ.

**All**   
Thanks be to God.

*The choir and clergy move in procession to the vestry as the choir sings Psalm 150 or an organ voluntary is played.*