

## The Order for the Administration of The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion



### PREPARATION BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS

#### PSALM 43.

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation:  
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

<sup>2</sup> For thou art the God of my strength:  
why dost thou cast me off?  
why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

<sup>3</sup> O send out thy light and thy truth:  
let them lead me;  
let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

<sup>4</sup> Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy:  
yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

<sup>5</sup> Why art thou cast down, O my soul?  
and why art thou disquieted within me?  
hope in God:  
for I shall yet praise him,  
who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. **Amen.**

Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

- V. I said, Lord be merciful unto me.  
**R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.**  
 V. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last.  
**R. And be gracious unto thy servants.**  
 V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

**R. As we do put our trust in thee.**

V. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.

**R. And thy Saints sing with joyfulness.**

V. Cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

**R. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins.**

V. Lord hear my prayer.

**R. And let my cry come unto thee.**

MOST gracious God, incline thy merciful ears to our prayers,  
and enlighten our hearts with the grace of the Holy Ghost,  
that we may worthily approach thy holy mysteries,  
and love thee with an everlasting love.

Cleanse our consciences, we beseech thee, O Lord, by thy visitation,  
that thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when he cometh,  
may find in us a mansion prepared for himself;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O MY GOD, help me to make a good communion.  
Come into my poor soul,  
and give me thy flesh to eat,  
and thy blood to drink.

Lord, I am not worthy to come under thy roof,  
much less to receive thee into myself;  
but since thou didst not disdain to be laid in a manger,  
so vouchsafe to enter into my soul,  
unclean though it be through my many sins.

Lord, come to me that thou mayest cleanse me.

Lord, come to me that thou mayest heal me.

Lord, come to me that thou mayest strengthen me.

And grant that having received thee,

I may nevermore be separated from thee

but may continue thine for ever,

till I see thee face to face in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

*Be still  
and know  
that I am  
God*  
-PSALM 46:10

**WELCOME**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion with Spiritual Reception following the Book of Common Prayer from the ancient Church in Corhampton on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020, the Second Sunday after Trinity, but today we shall celebrate St Alban, who is the first recorded martyr in Britain, who died for his faith in around the year 250.

We pray for our current times

**Almighty and ever-living God,  
we humbly beseech thy majesty  
to anoint us with thy Spirit,  
as we share in Christ's suffering and victory  
that we might bear witness to the gospel of salvation;  
by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**INTROIT - HYMN - 332: CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION VV. 5, 7 - 9.**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee of gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.

Christ is made the sure foundation  
*(Urbs beata Jerusalem)*  
(c. 7th century)  
Tr: John Mason Neale (1818 – 1866)  
WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
Henry Purcell (1659 – 1695)  
arr: Ernest Hawkins (1802 – 1868)  
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*The Table at the Communion time having a fair white linen cloth upon it, shall stand in the body of the Church, or in the Chancel, where Morning and Evening Prayer are appointed to be said. And the Priest standing at the north side of the Table shall say the Lord's Prayer with the Collect following, the people kneeling.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name;  
 thy kingdom come;  
 thy will be done;  
 in earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation;  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God,  
 unto whom all hearts be open,  
 all desires known,  
 and from whom no secrets are hid:  
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
 by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
 that we may perfectly love thee,  
 and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
 through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then shall the Priest, turning to the people, rehearse distinctly the SUMMARY OF THE LAW: and the people still kneeling shall at the end ask God mercy for their transgression thereof for the time past, and grace to keep the same for the time to come, as followeth.*

### **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
 Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
 and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
 and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
 and with all thy strength.  
 This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:  
 Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
 There is none other commandment greater than these.  
 On these two commandments hang all the law  
 and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these  
 thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

*Then shall the Priest, turning to the people, rehearse distinctly the*

### **KYRIE ELEISON**

Kyrie, eleison.  
**Kyrie, eleison.**  
 Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.  
**Christe, eleison.**  
 Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.  
**Kyrie, eleison.**  
 Kyrie, eleison.

### **THE COLLECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN MAY BE SAID**

Almighty God,  
 whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite:  
 have mercy upon the whole Church;  
 and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant  
     *Elizabeth, our Queen* and Governor,  
 that she (knowing whose minister she is)  
     may above all things  
 seek thy honour and glory:  
 and that we and all her subjects  
     (duly considering whose authority she hath)  
 may faithfully serve, honour and humbly obey her,  
     in thee, and for thee,  
 according to thy blessed word and ordinance;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth,  
 ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ST ALBAN**

*[The priest may say*

The Lord be with you  
**and with thy spirit.]**

Let us pray.

*The priest says the Collect of the Day.*

O eternal Father,  
 who, when the gospel of Christ first came to our land,  
 didst gloriously confirm the faith of Alban  
 by making him the first to win the martyr's crown:  
 grant that, following his example in the fellowship of the saints,  
 we may worship thee, the living God,  
 and faithfully witness to Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them  
 who thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love:  
 Keep us, we beseech thee,  
 under the protection of thy good providence,  
 and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**EPISTLE***The reader says*

The Epistle is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of St Paul's Second Epistle to St Timothy beginning at the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse.

<sup>3</sup>Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. <sup>5</sup>And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. <sup>6</sup>The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. <sup>7</sup>Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. <sup>8</sup>Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: <sup>9</sup>Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: <sup>12</sup>If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: <sup>13</sup>If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

*2 Timothy 2.3-13*

*At the end*

Here endeth the Epistle.

**GRADUAL HYMN -****202 LET ALL THE WORLD IN EVERY CORNER SING.**

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly,

The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;

But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing

George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

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Basil Harwood (1859 – 1949)

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**GOSPEL***The reader says*

The holy Gospel is written in the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the 24<sup>th</sup> verse.

*All may respond***Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. <sup>25</sup>He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. <sup>26</sup>If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

*John 12.24-26*

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All may respond*

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

### **THE CREED**

**I believe in one God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things  
visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.**

**And I believe one catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Then the Curate shall declare unto the people what Holy-days, or Fasting-days, are in the week following to be observed. And then also (if occasion be) shall notice be given of the Communion; and Briefs, Citations, and Excommunications read. And nothing shall be proclaimed or published in the Church during the time of Divine Service, but by the Minister: nor by him any thing but what is prescribed in the Rules of this Book, or enjoined by the Queen, or by the Ordinary of the place.*

*Banns of marriage may be published and notices given.*

## SERMON

After Trinity Sunday, we move into ordinary time – time counted as weeks after that feast day.

However, since then, the calendar has been punctuated by many holy men and women: a few ancient some ‘official saints’, many of historical interest and all of theological interest and great examples to us, and help set our delightful pre-conquest church building in the wider and longer history of the Church itself.

On the Monday following (8 June), we remembered Thomas Ken sometime Bishop of Bath and Wells and, of interest today, hymn writer, d1711

Along with eight other bishops and some 300–400 clergy, Thomas Ken is known as a Nonjuror, as he, with them, refused to swear an oath to the new monarchs William and Mary. They were all deprived of their livings and in his enforced retirement Ken lived a celibate, ascetic life. He was a man who repeatedly put theological principle before personal comfort, even refusing an offer of reinstatement as Bishop of Bath and Wells. May we have the integrity to stand by what we believe to be right rather than expedient, by what we believe to be in the common good, rather than being self-serving.

On the Tuesday (9 June) we remembered two very different figures. Firstly, Columba, who was Abbot of Iona and a missionary in the north and in Ireland in the C6. But, of greater relevance to last week’s ‘Music Sunday, is the second and probably less well known Ephrem of Syria.

Ephrem was a C4 deacon and teacher of the Faith (d373).



Born far from these islands at Nisibis, in what is now Turkey, Ephrem, like Thomas Ken was a hymn writer. And no ordinary hymnodist at that; he was one of the most prolific and gifted hymn writers in the history of Christianity. Over five hundred of his hymns survive, which were arranged after his death into 'hymn cycles'. He also wrote many biblical commentaries.

He was baptized in 324, and joined the cathedral school, of which he later became the Head. It was whilst he was head of this school that he wrote most of his hymns.

Ephrem recognized the value of sung theology; he saw great value in combining music and biblical exegesis to encourage the adoption of the 'orthodox' doctrine, that is the theology we still declare in the Creed. Originally written for the female choir at his church in Nisibis, Ephrem's hymns soon spread throughout the Roman Empire. Several of his hymns were written to counter specific heretical teachings, whilst others expound the sacrifice of the life of Christ.

Ephrem emphasized the need to see God in all that is around the believer. Everything is capable of directing the eye of faith to God, and to engage the heart in worship. However, Ephrem was not so wrapped up in theological wonderment that he could not relate to the world around him, which is an important lesson for the Church 1650 years on. Ephrem encountered great hardship when his home town was captured by the Turks, and he is recorded as an old man struggling to distribute food to the hungry in the midst of famine, I wonder what he would make of the need for foodbanks and arguments over free school meals in C21?

Later in the week we celebrated *Corpus Christi* and the ‘new’ 12<sup>th</sup> apostle, Barnabas

On 14 June, the Anglican church usually remembers Richard Baxter, the Puritan Divine, d1691.

Richard Baxter was ordained deacon in 1638 and served as a curate in Bridgnorth and then Kidderminster until civil war broke out in 1642. In our journey through 1000 years of worship at Corhampton, we recently reached the interregnum period of the Commonwealth and the suspension of the Book of Common Prayer that had been in use since the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Though Baxter served as a chaplain in the Parliamentary army for five years Baxter was always a moderate. He sought to curb the excesses of the Parliamentary troops and even opposed the execution of the king and Cromwell's assumption of power.

Baxter returned to Kidderminster as vicar in 1647. *The Reformed Pastor*, published in 1656, was Baxter's own account of this ministry ('Reformed' in this context meant not Calvinistic in doctrine but renewed in practice) and the book was both read and warmly recommended by the leaders of the evangelical revival of the following century.

In terms of our Liturgical journey here, Baxter presented the so-called 'Exceptions', which were proposed changes to the Book of Common Prayer from a Puritan standpoint at the 1661 Savoy Conference. Baxter, once again, appeared as the voice of moderation, producing a reformed eucharistic liturgy – sadly, like many compromises it satisfied neither the Puritans nor Laudians. He might, however, still be a source of wisdom and conciliation for the Church of England, when arguments between certain wings of the Church spring up.

On Monday (15 June), we remembered Evelyn Underhill, the Spiritual Writer, d1941.

On Tuesday (16 June) we remembered two bishops, separated by 500 years and 300 miles: Joseph Butler, Philosopher and Bishop of Durham, who died in 1752 and St Richard, Bishop of Chichester, who died in 1253. In Richard we find an excellent model of a diocesan bishop, accessible, generous and yet fair in his dealings with those in need of correction. And, of course, St Richard's prayer has remained in wide use in the centuries since his death.

On Wednesday (17 June), in the Calendar of the Book of Common Prayer, we remember Alban, the first Martyr of Britain, c.250.

In the Common Worship Calendar, he is remembered on 22<sup>nd</sup> June – the date of his death, which happens to be the day before Etheldreda or Audrey, the Abbess of Ely, who became one of the most popular female Anglo-Saxon saints, whose legend would have been well-known in this church before the Conquest, like that of Edward, the C10 King of the West Saxons (979), who was remembered in the Prayer Book calendar around this date too.



Records of Christians living in Britain have been found as early as the second century, and in 314 three 'British' bishops attended a council in Arles.

Alban, held to be the first British martyr, has traditionally been regarded as having been martyred in the Diocletian persecution of 303. But his death more likely have occurred in the reign of either Septimius Severus in c.209, or Decius in c.250, which with the help of Bede and other sources, modern scholarship suggests is the most likely.

We can be sure that Alban was a Romano-British pagan living in Verulamium. There, he met a fugitive priest and gave him shelter in his home. Alban was so struck by the way of life and the commitment of the priest that in time he was converted to the faith.

When soldiers came searching for the fugitive, Alban disguised himself in the priest's cloak and was arrested and condemned to death. Sadly, the unnamed priest was subsequently arrested and stoned to death some days later.

Holmhurst Hill, where Alban's martyrdom is traditionally located, became the site first of a shrine and then of a church dedicated to his memory. By the Middle Ages this church had grown into the Abbey of St Albans and is now the cathedral of the diocese which bears his name.

Bede, writing in the early eighth century, recorded the torture and trial of Alban. He mentions the crowds at his execution, a spring of water rising up at his feet at the top of a hill, and the miraculous conversion of the appointed executioner. Bede also records that his executioner was unable to see the death of Alban, as the instant he beheaded him his own eyes fell out.

Bede: Ecclesiastical History 1.7:

*Saint Alban suffered on the twenty-second day of June near the city of Verulamium ... Here, when the peace of Christian times was restored, a beautiful Church worthy of his martyrdom was built, where sick folk are healed and frequent miracles take place to this day.*

Whilst I pray that none of us find ourselves following his example quite as far as torture or even the ultimate sacrifice, I do pray that we all have the strength to serve others and to put the well-being of others before that of ourselves, and that we remember that there are Christians, who need our prayers, because, even in C21, they risk their livelihoods and sometimes even their lives when they profess the faith, which we can profess with very little fear of harm. **Amen**

### **OFFERTORY**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

*Matthew 5.16]*

*One or more Collects to be said after the Offertory, when there is no Communion for the people*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,

that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears,  
may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts,  
that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living,  
to the honour and praise of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prevent us, O Lord,

in all our doings with thy most gracious favour,  
and further us with thy continual help;  
that in all our works,

begun, continued, and ended in thee,  
we may glorify thy holy Name,  
and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,

who knowest our necessities before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking:

We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities;  
and those things,

which for our unworthiness we dare not,  
and for our blindness we cannot ask,  
vouchsafe to give us  
for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: 198 YE HOLY ANGELS BRIGHT.**

Ye holy angels bright,  
Who stand at God's right hand,  
Or through the realms of light  
Fly at you Lord's command,  
Assist our song, or else the theme  
Too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,  
Who ran this heavenly race,  
An now, from sin released,  
Behold the Saviour's face,  
God's praises sound, as in His sight  
With sweet delight you do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,  
Adore your heavenly King,  
And onward as ye go

Some joyful anthem sing;  
Take what He gives and praise Him still,  
Through good or ill, Who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part,  
Triumph in God above,  
And with a well-tuned heart  
Sing thou the songs of love;  
Let all my days till life shall end,  
Whate'er he send be filled with praise.

Ye holy angels bright  
Richard Baxter (1615 – 1691) &  
John Hampden Gurney (1802 – 1862)  
DARWALL'S 149th  
John Darwall (1731 – 1789)  
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*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

*And when there is a Communion, the Priest shall then place upon the Table so much Bread and Wine as he shall think sufficient.*

## INTERCESSION

*Brief biddings may be given.*

Let us pause and spend some time bringing to mind the things for which we wish to give thanks and the people, places, situations and events for which we ask for God's mercy and grace.

Beginning with the words:

**O blessed Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**who hast promised to be with thy church even to the end,**  
we ask Jesus for the spiritual gifts we most need  
and for any other needs of our friends or community. **Amen.**

*After which, the Priest shall say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God,  
who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications,  
and to give thanks, for all men:  
we humbly beseech thee most mercifully  
[to accept our alms and oblations, and]  
to receive these our prayers,  
which we offer unto thy divine majesty;  
beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church  
with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:

and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name  
may agree in the truth of thy holy word,  
and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all  
Christian kings, princes and governors;  
and specially thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen*,  
that under her we may be godly and quietly governed:



and grant unto her whole Council,  
 and to all that are put in authority under her,  
 that they may truly and indifferently [impartially] minister justice,  
 to the punishment of wickedness and vice,  
 and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father,  
 to all bishops [and curates], priests and deacons,  
 that they may both by their life and doctrine  
 set forth thy true and lively word,  
 and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments:

and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace;  
 and specially to this congregation here present;  
 that, with meek heart and due reverence,  
 they may hear and receive thy holy word;  
 truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness  
 all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord,  
 to comfort and succour all them,  
 who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow,  
 need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name  
 for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear;  
 beseeching thee to give us grace  
 so to follow their good examples,  
 that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,  
 our only mediator and advocate.

**Amen.**

In the words of St Richard, Bishop of Chichester, we offer thanks:

Thanks be to Thee,  
 My Lord Jesus Christ  
 for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
 for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful redeemer,  
 friend and brother,  
 may I know thee more dearly  
 and follow thee more nearly  
 day by day. **Amen.**

#### **ACT OF CONTRITION IN READINESS FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**O my Lord Jesus, I desire to come to Thee, not that I am worthy, but because Thou dost so lovingly call. Receive me as Thou didst receive St. Peter even after that he had denied Thee. Amen.**

**Therefore, O my Lord, because Thou didst come to save me a sinner, I desire with all my heart to repent of all my sin and to put away whatsoever displeases Thee.**

**Grant me to grow in Thy grace that with all Thy blessed saints I may continually praise Thee. Amen.**

*[Then shall this general Confession be made*

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,  
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,  
and intend to lead a new life,  
following the commandments of God,  
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:

draw near with faith,  
and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;  
and make your humble confession to almighty God,  
[meekly kneeling upon your knees].

### **CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
we acknowledge and bewail  
our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we, from time to time,  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.]**

### **ABSOLUTION**

*We pause to receive God's forgiveness,  
then either the priest says*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,  
to thy faithful people pardon and peace;  
that they may be (✠) cleansed from all their sins,  
and serve thee with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*[Or the priest says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy  
hath promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance  
and true faith turn unto him;  
Have mercy upon you (✠);

pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.]**

*Now say:*

**Thanks be to God for His forgiveness.**

*Now make an act of Faith, Hope, and Love.*

**Lord I believe in Thee,  
help Thou mine unbelief.  
Lord I hope in Thee,  
help me to trust more firmly.  
Lord I love Thee,  
help me to love more truly. Amen.**

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### **THE COMFORTABLE WORDS**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

*John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and he is the propitiation for our sins.

*1 John 2.1,2*

### **PREFACE**

*The priest and the people praise God for his goodness.*

The Lord be with you  
**and with thy spirit.**

**We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

*The priest says*

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee,  
O Lord, holy Father,  
almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee, and *saying/ singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

We do not presume  
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:  
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy 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.**

### **[THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

*When the Priest, standing before the Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the people, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered)  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction  
for the sins of the whole world;  
and did institute,  
and in his holy gospel command us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of that, his precious death,  
until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father,  
 we most humbly beseech thee;  
 and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our  
 Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
 in remembrance of his death and passion,  
 may be partakers of his most blessed (✠) body and blood:  
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

*Here the priest is to take the paten.*

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

*Here the priest shall break the bread.*

and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat;

*Here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread.*

this is my body which is given for you:

do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;

*Here the priest is to take the cup.*

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this;

*Here the priest is to lay a hand on every vessel*

*in which there is wine to be consecrated.*

for this is my blood of the new testament,

which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins:

do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**O Lamb of God**

**that takest away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God**

**that takest away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God**

**that takest away the sins of the world,**

**grant us thy peace.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*The President receives Communion on behalf of all.*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for us,

preserve our bodies and souls unto everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee,

and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for us,

preserve our bodies and souls unto everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee,

and be thankful.

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION**

*Now make a special effort to realize the presence of Jesus in your soul, and make your act of Spiritual Communion, remembering how at countless altars of the Church the Holy Sacrifice is being pleaded and souls fed sacramentally by the Body and Blood of Christ.*

**In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered at every Altar of Thy Church, to make Eucharist, and hearing thy holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee.**

**Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that thou wilt unite me with all the baptised and with thy Son who didst give his life for us.**

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send thy Holy Spirit that I may be filled with thy presence. Amen**

**POST COMMUNION HYMN: 163 ANGEL VOICES EVER SINGING.**

Angel voices, ever singing, round Thy throne of light,  
Angel harps, forever ringing, rest not day or night;  
Thousands only live to bless Thee, and confess Thee Lord of might.

Thou Who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that Thou regardest songs of sinful man?  
Can we feel that Thou art near us and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

Yea, we know Thy love rejoices o'er each work of Thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices for Thy praise combine;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure for Thy pleasure didst design.

Here, great God, today we offer of Thine own to Thee;  
And for Thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily,  
Hearts and minds, and hands and voices, in our choicest melody.

Honour, glory, might and merit, Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity;  
Of the best that Thou hast given Earth and Heaven render Thee.

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The priest may say*

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,  
so we are bold to say:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,**

**in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

### **PRAYER OF OBLATION**

O Lord and heavenly Father,  
we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully  
to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
  
most humbly beseeching thee to grant,  
that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,  
and all other benefits of his passion.

*The president continues the prayer on behalf of all who have been unable at this time to receive the Sacrament in its physical form.*

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee;  
  
humbly beseeching thee,  
that [all] we, who are partakers of this holy communion,  
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy,  
through our manifold sins,  
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,  
yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service;  
  
not weighing our merits,  
but pardoning our offences,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
  
by whom, and with whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
all honour and glory be unto thee,  
O Father almighty,  
world without end. **Amen.**

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

O God,  
who hast prepared for them that love thee  
such good things as pass man's understanding:  
Pour into our hearts such love toward thee,  
that we, loving thee above all things,  
may obtain thy promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

**THE ENDING***No priest and purely Spiritual Communion*

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God (✠),  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.

**THE BLESSING***The priest says*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the (✠) blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: 203 O PRAISE YE THE LORD.**

O praise ye the Lord! praise Him in the height;  
Rejoice in His Word, ye angels of light;  
Ye heavens, adore Him by Whom ye were made,  
And worship before Him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him upon earth,  
In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;  
Praise Him Who hath brought you His grace from above,  
Praise Him Who hath taught you to sing of His love.

O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
Loud organs, His glory forth tell in deep tone,  
And sweet harp, the story of what He hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
To Him be outpoured all ages along!  
For love in creation, for Heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

O praise ye the Lord  
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