

# Eucharist for the Christmas Season



## WELCOME

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
'You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.'  
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God  
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Matthew 1: 21

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

COLLECT

The prayer for the day is said.

## The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

After the reading we say:

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The following acclamation or an alternative may be used.

Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.      John 1.14  
**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.....  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

This, or an alternative response may be used.

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

And at the end:

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9: 6

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

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [E]

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

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
and was born of the Virgin Mary  
by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [N and] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**The president breaks the consecrated bread:**

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

**The 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 your peace.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**The president may say a post communion prayer after which we all say:**

**Almighty God,  
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.**

BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

