

An Order for Common Worship Communion

Welcome & candle lighting

Hymn: Hail to the Lord's anointed

Confession

Almighty God, we confess before you our own sin, the sin of the Church and the sin of the world, in which we share. We have not loved you with our whole being; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us when we turn from you; release us from the burden of our past, and remake us in your image and likeness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord says: See, I am making all things new. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Through him your sins are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Lord also says: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Gloria

Sung version

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Reading: I Samuel 15.34-16.13

Hymn: For the fruits of all creation

Reading: Mark 4. 26-34

Talk-(Sermon)

We declare our faith in God

Christ is the image of the unseen God, the first born of all creation; For in him all things were made, in heaven and on earth. Through him and for him all things were made; He exists before all things and holds them in his unity. The church is his body, and He is its head; He is the beginning, the first born from the dead. God made all his fullness to dwell in him, To reconcile through him all creation to himself, Everything on earth and everything in heaven, When he made peace by his death on the cross.

Our prayers of Intercession, ending with the Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin

against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

The Peace,

Jesus told his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not just me but the one who sent me.'

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

Hymn: The King is among us

Dedication of collection

Eternal God, we come with these gifts to offer our sacrifice of praise and the service of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Celebration of Communion

As we gather at this table, we remember that Jesus was born of Mary; he lived our common life on earth; he suffered and died for us; on the third day God raised him from the dead; and he is always present with us through the Holy Spirit. In his presence, and in the company of all the people of God, past, present, and to come, we celebrate the Supper of the Lord. We hear the narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper as it is recorded by St Paul in I Corinthians Chapter 11

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Our prayer of blessing, sharing and thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, that from the earth you cause the grain to come for the making of bread. We praise you for Christ, the bread of life, whose body was given for us. By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and this loaf, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body of Christ,

and that we may be made one in him.

As of old you fed your people in the wilderness, so feed us now that we may live to your praise;

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The minister breaks the bread and blesses the wine saying:

When Jesus had given thanks, he broke the bread and said: 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

We give thanks to you, O God, that you cause the vine to yield fruit. We bless you for Christ, the true vine, whose blood was poured out for us. By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and this wine, that the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the blood of Christ, and that through abiding in him we may bear fruit that shall last.

**As we share the sufferings of Christ, so give us grace that we may know the power of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The distribution takes place (Remember to invite those at home to share with us)

We share the bread and wine.

Hymn during Communion: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God of a love stronger than death, you have given us new birth into a living hope through the gift of your Son. God with us, like a mother you have fed us with yourself and strengthened us for journeying ahead. God of truth and power, you take our weakness and our sin and refashion us by grace. Gracious God, may the love which bids us welcome at this table gather all your children into one, in your eternal presence, whole and free at last. Amen.

[Notices]

Hymn: Will you come and follow me

Blessing,

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace. My brothers and sisters, the Lord bless you.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen