

An Order for Common Worship Communion

Welcome & candle lighting

Hymn: At the name of Jesus

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 from Peru

Collect for the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Proverbs 1, 20-23

Hymn: Be thou my vision

Reading: James 3. 1-12

Reading: Mark 8. 27-38

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

All :

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 for ever.

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: Just as I am

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

The Story of the Lord's Supper according to Mark

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, And after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take eat; this is my body'. Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I tell you, I will never again drink the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.' We are the friends and disciples of Jesus today. He invites us to break bread together, to remember him and to pray that God's Kingdom will come.

Our prayer of blessing, sharing and thanksgiving

Offering Prayer

We bring this bread and this wine to the table of Jesus. With them we bring ourselves, all that we are and all that we own. May the ordinary become holy, and heaven be opened to the people of earth.

May God be blessed forever! **May God be blessed forever!**

Thanksgiving

God is with us! God is with us!

We give thanks and praise to God!

Loving God, the world you made is beautiful and full of wonder. You made us, with all your creatures, and you love all that you have made. You gave us the words of your prophets, the stories of your people through the generations, and the gathered wisdom of many years. You gave us Jesus, your Son, to be born and to grow up in difficult times when there was little peace.

He embraced people with your love and told stories to change us all. He healed those in pain and brought to life those who had lost hope. He made friends with anyone who would listen and loved even his enemies. For these things, he suffered. For these things, he died. And he was raised from death and lives with you forever. You give us your Holy Spirit, to teach and to strengthen us, to remind us of Jesus Christ, and to make us one in him. For all these gifts we thank you, and we join with all your people on earth and in heaven, in joyful praise:

Hosanna! **Hosanna!**

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

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Hosanna in the highest heaven!

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We praise you that we are here today, around the table of Jesus. We have heard the good news of your love; the cross is the sign of your arms stretched out in love for us and the empty tomb declares your love stronger than death.

Christ has died! Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine, and upon your people, that Christ may be with us, and we may be made ready to live for you and to do what you ask of us, today, and every day to come. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the love of the Creator, one God, to whom be glory and praise forever,

Amen

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: There is a redeemer

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: I the Lord of sea and sky

Sending out and Blessing

Jesus said, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.

The blessing of God be upon you, the One who loves you the Christ who calls you, the Spirit who makes you holy, today and always.

Amen