

# A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING THE PERIOD OF MOURNING

## *The Gathering*

*The service begins in silence. We STAND when the vestry bell is rung. Once the choir and minsters are in their places, we sing our first hymn.*

*The president or another minister says*

‘I am the resurrection and the life’, says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

*The president says*

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.  
Grace and mercy be with you.

*The president may briefly introduce the service, ending with this prayer:*

Almighty God,  
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice  
and love everything you have made.  
In your mercy  
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,  
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

God has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ.  
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels  
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,  
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,  
and confess them before God our Father.

*Silence is kept.*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins  
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*All* **Amen.**

*We SIT.*



## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **Readings**

*Two readings from Scripture are read.*

*At the end of each the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 121 is sung after the second reading.*

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

‘It is the will of him who sent me’, says the Lord, ‘that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day’.

*All* **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according N.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

# The Creed

*On Sundays, we STAND for the Nicene Creed is used.*

*All* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

# Prayers

*We SIT or KNEEL*

*These responses may be used*

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

*(or)*

*All* Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end we say together*

*All* **God of mercy,  
entrusting into your hands all that you have made  
and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,  
we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.**



## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*We STAND and the president says*

Jesus says:  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

# Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*We sing the Offertory hymn.*

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and the bread and wine are placed upon it.*

May all who are called to a place at your table  
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

*All*

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

*All*

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

*All*

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

*All*

**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 president recalls the Last Supper,  
and this acclamation is used*

*All*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology,  
to which all respond boldly*

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*All* 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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

*All* Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*The Agnus Dei may be sung.*

*All* Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*The president prays*

Father in Heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the  
new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that,  
fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we  
may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and  
a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,  
and all humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## The National Anthem

GOD save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King.  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And give us ever cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.