

# The Celebration of Holy Communion in a Home

## The Gathering

### The Greeting

We meet in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All** Amen.

Peace to your homes, to our school and to all who  
live, work and learn in them.

### Prayer of preparation

**All** 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

In all things we are responsible to the Lord our  
God.

In a few moments of silence, let us bring to mind  
those times when, through our own fault or  
carelessness, we have failed to love God,  
ourselves or others.

*People hold out their hands in front of them in fists.*

**We confess that we have not loved as we are  
loved,  
and we have not served as we are served.  
In your compassion, forgive us our sins,  
and restore us to fullness of life in Jesus our  
Lord.**

*People release their fists and cup their hands*

Receive God's forgiveness. God has mercy upon  
us.

**All** Amen.

May almighty God forgive us and give us the  
courage and strength of the Holy Spirit to turn away  
from sin and to follow Christ.

**All** Amen.

## The Collect

**All** Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

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

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Address

## Prayers

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’  
says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’

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

## Preparation of the Table

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

***All*** **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

***All*** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.

In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

***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.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Edburg and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**All**

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray in faith and trust:

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All**

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All**

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## Prayer after communion

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **Christ leads us out, back into his world,  
to live by his word, and to reflect his light and  
love,  
to be his disciples in the days ahead.  
Go with us always and guide us, good Lord.  
Amen.**

## Blessing

The peace of God,  
which passes 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 Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

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