

Holy Communion for Lent

The Gathering

Introduction to the service

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

All: Amen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: And also with you.



Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

A period of silence may follow.

**All: We confess to you
our selfishness and lack of love:
Fill us with your Spirit.
We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
Fill us with your Spirit.
We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
Fill us with your Spirit.**

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of forgiveness

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gospel reading for the start of Passiontide – John 11:1-45

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Time for Reflection

Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All: **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name
above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

A response may be used.

There will be periods of silence for your prayers.

The Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

A prayer at the preparation of the Table

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A preface for Lent, then ...

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The President recalls the Last Supper, concluding with:

Jesus Christ is Lord.

**All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection
 you have set us free.
 You are the Saviour of the World.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology:

All honour and glory be yours Almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us
to 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.**

Giving of Communion

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.

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God,
 have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins,
 have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world,
 grant us peace.**

Words of Invitation

You may wish to eat and drink your bread and wine here.

Prayer after Communion

All: God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us
with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Blessing

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you always.

All: Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.