



# **Choral Eucharist**

*Ordinary Time*

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# Order of Service

## The Gathering

### Processional Hymn

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

*All*        **Amen.**

### The Greeting

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

*All*

*Words of welcome may be said*

### The Confession

*Deacon*    God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*We keep silence*

*We confess our sins using these or other words*

*(Either)*

*Deacon* Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
*All* **we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*(or)*

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

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

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

## **Absolution**

*We receive words of forgiveness*

*President* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

*The choir sings the Gloria, usually in one of the following forms*

*(Either)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes  
ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and peace on earth  
to those of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you  
for your great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord the only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
You that take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You who are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For you alone are holy,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

(or)

*Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*The Collect is said and we respond*

All        **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*The choir sings an anthem*

## Second Reading

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

## Gospel Reading

*Choir*     *Alleluia.*

*All (sung)*   **Alleluia.**

*The choir sings the Gospel sentence*

*All (sung)*   **Alleluia.**

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

*All (sung)*   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All (sung)*   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*After the sermon, there is a period of silence*

## **The Creed**

*We affirm the Church's faith together*

*President* We believe in one God,  
*All* **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.**

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

Let us pray.

*One of these responses may be used*

*All*            Lord, in your mercy (or)            Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.**                            **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end*

*All*            Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The Peace is introduced in these or other words*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

### **Offertory Hymn**

*A hymn is sung during which a collection is taken and the altar is prepared for  
Communion*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The President says the prayer of consecration*

*All*           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.**

*The President prays the Eucharistic Preface which praises God  
Then the choir sings the Sanctus in one of the following forms*

*(Either)*

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*(or)*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.*

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues; the President asks God the Father to send the Holy Spirit and prays over the bread and wine, recalling Jesus' words at the Last Supper*

*Deacon*   Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All (sung)* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends in one of the following ways*

*(Either)*

...for ever and ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

*(or)*

...in songs of everlasting praise:

*All (sung)*    **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## **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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

*(Either)*

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.**

*(or)*

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 in these or other words*

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Jesus, Lamb of God,</i>	<i>All</i>	<b>Have mercy on us.</b>
<i>Choir</i>	<i>Jesus, bearer of our sins,</i>	<i>All</i>	<b>Have mercy on us.</b>
<i>Choir</i>	<i>Jesus, redeemer of the world,</i>	<i>All</i>	<b>Grant us peace.</b>

## The Invitation

*One of the following forms of invitation is used*

*(Either)*

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.**

*(or)*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

(or)

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*Communion is distributed. Those who are participating remotely may wish to say this prayer*

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

*During Communion the choir may sing the Agnus Dei and/or an anthem, then silence is kept*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*A prayer is said, to which we respond*

All            **Amen.**

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# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

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

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.**

## Hymn

## The Dismissal

*Deacon*      Go in the peace of Christ.

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

## Organ Voluntary



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