



The Order of the Administration of the Lord's Supper  
or  
Holy Communion according to  
the Book of Common Prayer

*Before you proceed, you are invited to watch Michael's brief introduction at <https://youtu.be/VkVIOvnce2o>*

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## FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

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1. For the beauty of the earth,  
or the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

3. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

4. For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, *Refrain*

*Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

## THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ the Lord.     Amen**

## THE COMMANDMENTS

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*all respond ...*

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts,  
we beseech thee.**

## THE COLLECT

*The priest says the Collect, or set prayer, of the day.*

Father of peace, we are joyful in your Word, your Son Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to you. With our eyes fixed on him, let us run the race that is set before us with the eagerness of faith and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## THE EPISTLE

*The reader says*

The passage appointed for the Epistle is written in Psalms, chapter 1, beginning at the first verse.

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those  
    who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
    or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law they meditate day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
    planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
    and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

- <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous  
<sup>6</sup> for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

*At the conclusion of the Epistle, the reader says*

Here endeth the Epistle.

## **BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpnU2auc3Rk>

1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell with us in lowliness,  
our pattern and our King;
3. Still to the lowly soul  
he will himself impart  
and for his cradle and his throne  
chooses the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we your presence seek;  
this blessing now renew;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for you.

*v. 1,3 John Keble (1792-1866),*

*v. 2,4 William John Hall (1793-1861)*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*All stand when the reader says*

The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke,  
chapter 11 beginning at the 27th verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" <sup>28</sup> But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be unto thee, O Lord, for this thy holy Gospel**

## **THE CREED**

**I believe in one God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things  
visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified  
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## THE SERMON

[https://youtu.be/X2\\_IAJDUjew](https://youtu.be/X2_IAJDUjew)

## THE OFFERTORY

Let your light so shine before all men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth; where rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

Matthew 6:19

All things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee

1 Chronicles 29:14

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

1 John 3:17

## JUST AS I AM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxA0TFe3-Uo>

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|---|---|
| 1. Just as I am, without one plea,<br>but that your blood was shed for me,<br>and that you would my Saviour be,<br>O Lamb of God, I come.     | 4. Just as I am, you will receive,<br>will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;<br>because your promise I believe,<br>O Lamb of God, I come.            |
| 2. Just as I am, though tossed about<br>with many a conflict, many a doubt,<br>fightings and fears within, without,<br>O Lamb of God, I come. | 5. Just as I am, your love unknown<br>has broken every barrier down;<br>now, to be yours, and yours alone,<br>O Lamb of God, I come.                  |
| 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;<br>sight, riches, healing of the mind,<br>yes, all I need in you to find,<br>O Lamb of God, I come.   | 6. Just as I am, of that free love<br>the breadth, length, depth, and height<br>to prove,<br>here for a season, then above,<br>O Lamb of God, I come. |

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

## NOTICES

### THE INTERCESSIONS

The people kneel.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully (*to accept our alms and oblations, and*) to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen*, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue



Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and duly administer they holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.       **Amen**

## **THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the comandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

## **THE CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
we acknowledge and bewail  
our manifold sins and wickedness which we, from time to time  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly  
thy wrath and indignation against us.**

We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him:  
have mercy upon you;  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and stengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you

Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Hear also what St Paul saith:

This is a true saying and worthy of all men to be received, that  
Christ Jesus came into the world so save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what St John saith:

If any man sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ  
the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins 1 John 2:1 - 2

## **THE PREFACE**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee,  
O Lord, (Holy Father) almighty, everlasting God.

A seasonal preface will follow at Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify your glorious name,  
evermore praising thee and saying:

all respond

**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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS.**

**We do not presume  
to come to thy table, O merciful Lord.  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:  
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.  
Amen**

## **THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again;  
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

here the priest is to take the paten

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

here the priest shall break the bread

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread

this is my body which is given for you:

do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper he took the cup;

here the priest is to take the cup

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying

Drink ye all of this;

here the priest lays a hand on every vessel with wine to be consecrated

for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and

for many for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in

remembrance of me. **Amen**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee,  
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee,  
and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee,  
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee and  
be thankful.

*When receiving the wine take the cup in both hands from the minister or collect an individual cup from the front pew for which either wine or grapejuice is available.*

*At the communion rail, standing is helpful, especially if kneeling is in any way awkward. Please do not leave the rail until the person after you has finished drinking the wine / grapejuice.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The priest says* Let us pray

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy name;**

**thy kingdom come**

**thy will be done,**

**in earth as it is in heaven**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The priest says either the Prayer of Oblation or the Prayer of Thanksgiving.*

*The Prayer of Oblation*

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen**

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**

## **THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdV2-aThFXw>

**Glory be to God on high  
and in earth peace, good will towards all 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 Jesus Christ;  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on 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 BLESSING**

*The priest says*

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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