# The Holy Eucharist

# The Gathering of the Community

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

People And also with you.

Or from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost,

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* May he fill our hearts with joy.

The following prayer may be said.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from you 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.

Then may follow an act of praise: one of the following hymns, or a canticle or other hymn. It is appropriate that the hymn Glory to God be used during the Christmas season and from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, but not during the seasons of Advent and Lent. During Lent it is appropriate that Kyrie Eleison or the Trisagion be used. Other canticles may be found on pp. 72–95.

### Glory to God

Celebrant All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, 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.

### **Kyrie Eleison**

May be sung in three-fold, six-fold, or nine-fold form.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Or

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

# Trisagion

May be sung three times or antiphonally, and may include Glory to the Father.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

The community may pray silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect, after which the people respond, **Amen**.

# The Proclamation of the Word

# The Readings

A first reading as appointed.

Reader A reading from . . .

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept. Then shall follow a psalm as appointed.

On Sundays and major festivals a second reading as appointed is read.

Reader A reading from . . .

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept. A psalm, canticle, hymn, or anthem may follow.

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to . . .

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Sermon

A silence for reflection may follow.

The Nicene Creed shall be said on major festivals. On Sundays either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed is appropriate.

#### The Nicene Creed

The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 Apostles' Creed

The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism,

as we say,

All I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

A deacon or lay member of the community leads the Prayers of the People after the following model. Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for

> the Church the Queen and all in authority the world the local community those in need the departed.

A short litany may be selected from pp. 110–127. Other prayers are found on pp. 675–684. These prayers may be modified in accordance with local need, or extempore forms of prayer may be used.

#### Confession and Absolution

The following prayers may be used here if the Penitential Rite was not used before the Gathering of the Community, or if penitential intercessions were not used in the Prayers of the People.

The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners

and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins,

confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

#### The Peace

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

# The Preparation of the Gifts

It is appropriate that a hymn be sung during the offertory. Representatives of the people may present the gifts of bread and wine for the eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the deacon or celebrant before the altar.

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared, the celebrant may say the Prayer over the Gifts, following which the people say, Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

One of the following eucharistic prayers shall be used.

### **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you,

gracious God,

for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people

from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

#### Celebrant

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Or

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant Recalling his death,

proclaiming his resurrection,

and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these gifts,

that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father,

now and for ever.

People Amen.

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on p. 211.

# **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word,

through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People Amen.

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### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

*Here follows one of the proper prefaces on pp. 218–226.* 

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.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,

for the goodness and love

you have made known to us in creation;

in calling Israel to be your people;

in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh,

Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us

out of error into truth,

out of sin into righteousness,

out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over

to suffering and death,

a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant

#### Holy Eucharist

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

*The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on p. 211.* 

# **Eucharistic Prayer 4**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,

you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be:

the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home;

by your will they were created and have their being.

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* From the primal elements

you brought forth the human race,

and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;

you made us the stewards of creation.

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust;

and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions,

and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace. Glory to you for ever and ever

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

#### Celebrant Therefore we praise you,

joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### 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.

### Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God,

for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Gracious God,

we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming

as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,

and made a new people by water and the Spirit,

now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth

and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together

from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,

where peace and justice are revealed,

that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation,

may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

all honour and glory are yours,

creator of all.

People Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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### **Eucharistic Prayer 5**

Other refrains than "Glory to you for ever and ever" may be used with this prayer, or the refrain may be omitted.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart,

and to love each other as ourselves,

but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,

you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you

on earth and in heaven,

we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

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.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,

because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back

but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* On the night before he gave up his life for us,

Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them,

saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is the cup of my blood,

the blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which is shed for you and for many,

so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Gracious God,

with this bread and wine

we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,

and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,

that we may know the presence of Jesus

in the breaking of bread, and share in the life

of the family of your children.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* Father, you call us to be your servants;

fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy

at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,

through Jesus, our Lord,

in the power of the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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# **Eucharistic Prayer 6**

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you. People

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right to glorify you, Father, Celebrant

and to give you thanks;

for you alone are God, living and true,

dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,

you made all things

and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice

in the splendour of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you

to serve you night and day, and, beholding your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them,

and giving voice to every creature under heaven,

we acclaim you, and glorify your name,

as we sing (say),

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.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power;

your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.

You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: at supper with them he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father,

we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you. We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,

All

and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant

Father,

we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember ( . . . and) all who minister in your Church.]
[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]
[Remember . . . ]
[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with . . . ) and] all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

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#### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant All As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

Or

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

All

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who 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.

Silence

# The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and may say one of the following:

*Celebrant* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Or 2

Celebrant We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ. We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Or 3

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Celebrant Creator of all,

you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered

and made into this one bread.

All So may your Church be gathered

from the ends of the earth

into your kingdom.

Or 4

Celebrant "I am the bread which has come down from

heaven," says the Lord.

All Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

5 Advent

Celebrant God of promise,

you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called

to the supper of the Lamb.

#### 6 Incarnation

Celebrant We break the bread of life,

and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,

light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

#### 7 Lent and Holy Week

*Celebrant* We break this bread,

All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat

which bears its fruit in dying.

All If we have died with him,

we shall live with him;

if we hold firm,

we shall reign with him.

#### 8 Easter Season

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

#### The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

The celebrant and people then receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).

Or The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The communicant responds each time, Amen.

During the breaking of the bread and the communion, psalms, hymns, and anthems such as those on pp. 226–228 may be sung.

At the conclusion of the communion, silence may be kept.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Standing, the community prays in silence. The celebrant may say the Prayer after Communion appointed for the day. At the conclusion of the prayer the congregation says, **Amen**.

Then the following doxology may be said.

Celebrant Glory to God,

*All* whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Or instead of the Prayer after Communion and the doxology, the following may be said.

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

All And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God** 

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son

Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body,

live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup,

ring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Dismissal

The celebrant may bless the people. The deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,

Go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Or the following:

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Or the following:

*Leader* Go forth into the world,

rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

# Or the following:

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, Alleluia is added to the dismissal and the people's response.