Service of Holy Communion

following Jesus, together
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.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
An invitation to confession

All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The minister declares God's forgiveness in these or other words

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 Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect

The Collect (prayer for the day) is said, and all respond

All: Amen.
The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

At the end of each reading the reader will say:

This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

It is usual to stand for the Gospel reading unless painful or difficult.

When the Gospel is announced the reader will say:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

It is usual to stand as we affirm the basic truths of our Christian faith

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.

cont...
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.
These responses may be used.

Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The minister introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A hymn may be sung

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.
Father, you made the world and love your creation. 
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. 
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. 
And so we gladly thank you, 
with saints and angels 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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, 
through Jesus Christ, our Lord; 
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, 
that broken bread and wine outpoured 
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends 
and, taking bread, he praised you. 
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: 
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; 
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. 
Again he praised you, 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. 
Do this, as often as you drink it, 
in remembrance of me.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died:**
**Christ is risen:**
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

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

All: **Amen.**
As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.

Breaking of Bread

The minister breaks the consecrated 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.

Silence may be kept, after which we may say:

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 your peace.
The minister says:

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.

(or)

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.

Visitors who usually receive communion in their home church are
welcome to receive here.

The bread is usually gluten-free. Please ask if you are unsure.

If you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, you are warmly
invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply keep your hands
below the communion rail to indicate this.

Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.
The minister may say a Post Communion prayer

We pray together

All: Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

(or)

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring 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 we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
The Dismissal

A hymn may be sung.

The minister may use a seasonal blessing

(or)

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your 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.
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