

THE ORDER OF THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER,  
OR  
HOLY COMMUNION

THE INTRODUCTION

¶ *The People kneeling, the Priest says the Lord's Prayer with the Collect for Purity.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be 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. *Amen*

¶ *The congregation joins in praying*

**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 our Lord. Amen.**

## THE COMMANDMENTS

*Instead of the Ten Commandments, the Priest may say*

### *OUR LORD'S SUMMARY OF THE LAW.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is One Lord: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment, And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

¶ *The congregation answers*

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*If the Ten Commandments are read in full, the congregation responded at the end of each Commandment:*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*And at the last Commandment ('Thou shalt not covet'), the congregation concludes:*

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

## THE COLLECTS

*A COLLECT FOR THE QUEEN may be said*

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is ever-lasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant ELIZABETH, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*Then follows the COLLECT OF THE DAY*

*In Lent and Advent, an additional Collect may follow.*

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

¶ *All sit.*

## THE EPISTLE OF THE DAY

*At the end of which, the Reader may say*

Here endeth the Epistle

## THE GOSPEL

¶ *All stand.*

*The Priest introduces the Gospel by saying*

The Holy Gospel is written in the \_\_\_ chapter of the Gospel according to Saint \_\_\_, beginning at the \_\_\_ verse.

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

*The Gospel ended, there may be said or sung,*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## 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 of the Virgin Mary,  
And was made man,  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered 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 Catholick and Apostolick 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

## THE OFFERTORY AND INTERCESSION

*Then shall the Priest return to the Lord's Table, and begin the Offertory, saying one or more of the Sentences following, as he thinketh most convenient in his discretion.*

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *S. Matthew 5*

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where the 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. *S. Matthew 6*

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. *S. Matthew 7*

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *S. Matthew 7*

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and specially unto them that are of the household of faith. *Galatians 6*

To do good and to distribute forget not; for with such sacrifices God is pleased. *Hebrews 13*

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 S. John 3*

*[The Alms of the People having been collected and offered,] the Priest also offers bread and wine as part of the People's offering and places upon the Holy Table sufficient for the Communion.*

*After which done, the Priest shall say,*

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

ALMIGHTY and everliving 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 lead all nations in the way of righteousness and peace; and so to direct all kings and rulers, that under them thy people may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially 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, Priests, and Deacons, especially to thy servant *N.* [and *N.*] our bishop[s], that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments.

Guide and prosper, we pray thee, those who are labouring for the spread of thy Gospel among the nations, and enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning, and in particular the University of Cambridge with all its members, that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thy truth.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their 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 commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them everlasting light and peace.

And here we give thee most high praise and hearty thanks for all thy Saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and lights of the world in their several generations; and we pray, that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

***Amen.***

*Then shall the Priest say to them that come to receive the Holy Communion*

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 commandments 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.

*Then shall this general Confession be made in the name of all those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, by one of the Ministers; both he and all the people kneeling humbly upon their knees, and saying,*

**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.***

*Then shall the Priest (or Bishop, being present), stand up, and turning himself to the people, pronounce this 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 unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*Then shall the Priest say,*

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. *St. Matt. xi.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. *St. John iii. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners *I Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *I St. John ii. I*

*After which the priest shall proceed, saying*

*Priest.* Lift up your hearts.

*Answer.* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Priest.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

*Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say,*

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<sup>1</sup> Almighty, Everlasting God.

*Here shall follow the Proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately shall follow*

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<sup>1</sup> *These words, Holy Father must be omitted on Trinity Sunday*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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

*Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say in the name of all them that shall receive the Communion this Prayer following*

**WE do not presume to come to this 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.***

*When the Priest, standing before the Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the people, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth.*

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; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; 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.*

*Then shall the Minister first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and after that to the people also in order, into their hands, all meekly kneeling. And when he delivereth the Bread to any one, he shall say,*

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.

*And the Minister that delivereth the Cup to any one shall say,*

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 all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth,*

*Then shall the Priest say the Lord's Prayer, the people repeating after him every Petition,*

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be 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.**

*After shall be said as followeth.*

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.*

*Or the following*

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 are 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.*

*Then shall be said or sung*

**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,  
    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.****

*Then the Priest (or bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this blessing*

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.**

*This service follows the text of the Shorter Prayer Book;  
the intercessions have been amended, by tradition,  
to include particular prayers for the University of Cambridge and all its members.*

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