Eucharistic Worship

during

Lent, Passiontide and Holy Week

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
St Andrews

Scottish Liturgy 1982 (with variants)

PREPARATION

1 Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

2 Collect for Purity

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.

3 Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater
than these.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

4 Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members
in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love,
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

5 Kyrie

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

or Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison.

6 Collect of the day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

7 Old Testament Reading

8 Epistle

Silence

9 Gospel

When it is announced:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

10 Sermon

or other exposition of the Word

11 Nicene Creed

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 substance with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of 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.

12 Prayers of the People

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those in need, for the Church and its members.

13 Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of his blood, for he is our peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share with one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and the Wine

14 Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made;
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;
it will become for us the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

or **Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

15 Eucharistic Prayer I
We remain standing until the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.
You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'
After supper he took the cup.
He offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
And send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

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16 Eucharistic Prayer II

We remain standing until the Lord's Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your own image,
to enjoy and to care for all creation.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us
by your prophets to look for your reign
of justice, mercy and peace.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels
and archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful are the works of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us
at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they become for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs
of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

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The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

17 Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

We sit or kneel to pray

18 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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.
And 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.

19 Communion Song

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

or Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: misere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: misere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

20 Invitation

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 and with thanksgiving.

21 Communion

Please approach one of the three stations to receive the bread and wine or a prayer of blessing.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

22 Sentence

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

23 Prayers

One of the following is said

(a) Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all humankind; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(b) 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.

(c) Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

24 Blessing

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. **Amen.**

25 Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

or Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday

The Gathering

The celebrant may say

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The celebrant greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Introduction

The celebrant explains the meaning of Lent and invites the people to observe it faithfully

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness

proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.
I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

All **Holy God,**
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

The Collect

The celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept.

Holy God,
our lives are laid open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your Son
bring us healing and make us whole
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading. At the end of each the reader may say

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

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

A sermon or other interpretation of the readings may occur here.

Self-examination and Confession

A minister now leads a corporate examination of conscience.

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father,

All **have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

All **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

All **have mercy on us.**

Trinity of Love,

All **have mercy on us.**

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,
and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you Lord …

all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Accept our repentance, Lord …

for the wrongs we have done,
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgements,
for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours
and for our prejudice and contempt towards those
who differ from us.

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

All **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

All **Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

All **that we may show your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

All **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Silence

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

All **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

The celebrant invites the people to approach the Holy Table to receive the sign of the cross in ash. During the imposition a hymn or anthem may be sung, a psalm sung or said, or silence may be kept.

As a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of preparation for Easter, I invite you to receive these ashes on your head in the form of the cross, the sign of our salvation.

All **God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth:**
grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence and a symbol of our mortality;
for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant and people receive the imposition of ashes. At the imposition the minister says to each person

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

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The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

In this service we recall the meal which our Lord Jesus ate with his disciples on the night before he died. The service, like that night itself, reaches its climax in chaos, with the stripping of the altar. A silent watch follows until 10pm. Otherwise the service closes with our departure in complete silence.

The Greeting

The celebrant greets the people

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

A minister uses this Invitation to Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:
'If you love me, keep my commandments'.
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me'.
Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us from their guilt and stain.

Silence

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit
all *our* days.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The congregation stands

**Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace,
goodwill 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, are most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table
watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful.

All **Amen.**

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A short period of silence follows the readings.

The following Taizé chant may be sung:
Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray,
watch and pray.

Gospel Reading

This acclamation may herald the Gospel reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

A sermon or other interpretation of the readings may occur here.

The Washing of Feet

The celebrant and/or other ministers may wash the feet of some members of the congregation.

During the washing of feet a hymn, anthem or psalm may be sung.

The washing of feet may end with this prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we also do for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father
through Jesus Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night in which he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example
of love and service.
Lord, hear us

All **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us

All **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were
to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.
Lord, hear us

All **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,
but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved.
Lord, hear us
All **and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples
that if the world hated them it hated him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.
Lord, hear us
All **and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.
We recall those who have gone before us and died in the peace of Christ.
Lord, hear us
All **and welcome us with them into your eternal presence. Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid'.

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

The Preparation of the Table

At the eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors,
but we who were redeemed
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,

from mourning to feasting.
We know that as he was with them in the upper room
so our Lord is here with us now.

All **Until the kingdom of God comes**
let us celebrate this feast.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,
you create the fruit of the vine.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

We remain standing until the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

All **we lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All **it is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Creator of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit sets us free to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels and the whole company of
heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father, for Christ in whom
the world is reconciled. Lifted up on the cross,
his self-offering to suffering and death spanned the gulf
our sins had made. Through that dark struggle, death
was finally swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release, the night
in which the sons of Egypt died,
your own Son, himself the first-born, freely
offered his life.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'
After supper he took the cup.
He offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
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and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
And send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,

Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

We sit or kneel to pray

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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.
And 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.

Communion Song

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

or Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: misere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: misere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

The Communion

Please approach the Holy Table to receive the bread and wine or, if you prefer, a prayer of blessing.

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

Once everyone has received communion, the altar and sanctuary are stripped while Psalm 22 is said. Once the psalm is finished the choir will depart in disarray. There is no final hymn, no blessing and no dismissal. Those who wish may remain and participate in a silent vigil until 10pm. Those leaving should remain in complete silence, please, until well clear of the church building.

Psalm 22

Antiphon

Choir They parted my garments among them*
All **and upon my vesture did they cast lots.**

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me*
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not,*
and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy*
O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee;*
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen;*
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man,*
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn;*
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying:

'He trusted in God, that he would deliver him;*
let him deliver him, if he will have him'.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb;*
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born;*
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand,*
and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me;*
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths,*
as it were a ramping and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones
are out of joint;*
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like
melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue
cleaveth to my gums;*
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me,*
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell
all my bones;*
they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them,*
and cast lots about my vesture.

But be thou not far from me, O Lord;*
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword,*
my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth;*
thou hast heard me also from among the horns
of the unicorns.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren,*
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him;*
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him,
all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate
of the poor;*
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called
unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation;*
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;*
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart
shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember themselves,
and be turned unto the Lord;*
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship
before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's,*
and he is the governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth*
have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down to the dust shall kneel before him,*
and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him;*
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare
his righteousness;*
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord has made.

Antiphon

Choir They parted my garments among them*
All **and upon my vesture did they cast lots...**

Everyone now departs in silence, or remains in silence for the vigil.

Additional/Alternative Prefaces (1982 Liturgy)

For use with first and second eucharistic prayers as appropriate.

(Lent)

As children of your redeeming purpose,
for whom Christ Jesus humbled himself
and became poor to make us rich,
we offer you our praise…

And now we give you thanks
because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

And now we give you thanks
because he was tempted in every way as we are,
yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.

(Passiontide)

As children of your redeeming purpose,
for whom Christ endured the cross of shame
to rise triumphant over sin and death,
we offer you our praise…

And now we give you thanks
because, for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the cross.

The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

And now we give you thanks
because for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself;
and, by his suffering and death,
became the source of eternal salvation
for all who put their trust in him.

Alternative Blessings

(Lent)

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and
follow him;
and the blessing …

God, who from the death of sin raised you
to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and set you in the
presence of his glory;
and the blessing…

(Passiontide)

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing…

Alternative Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **We believe and trust in one God,**
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.