

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The minister says one of the following:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. *(Philip. 4:23)*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Ephes. 1:2)*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Cor. 13:14)*

And also with you.

The minister says one of the following:

Scripture Sentences

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(Orthodox)*

Christ is in our midst. He is now and will be again. *(Orthodox)*

The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of the bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. *(Ex. 3:2)*

Listen to what the Lord says, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you." *(Ex. 16:4)*

And they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. They beheld God, and ate and drank. *(Ex. 24:10-11)*

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever." *(Deut. 29:29)*

Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped and said to him, "What does my Lord say to his servant?" And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." *(Josh. 5:14-15)*

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. *(Psalm 116:12)*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. *(John 4:23-24)*

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." *(John 6:66-70)*

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." *(John 15:5)*

For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to eat and drink of one Spirit. *(1 Cor. 12:13)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (*Eph. 1:3*)

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? (*1 Cor. 10:16*)

Paul the apostle writes: When you come together to eat the Lord's Supper, when you come together as a church, then those who are genuine among you are recognised. (*1 Cor. 11:18-19*)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort. (*2 Cor. 1:3*)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (*1 Peter 1:3*)

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place." (*Rev. 4:1*)

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." *Rev. 4:11*)

The call

Let us worship God.

or

Let us worship God by singing the hymnnumber ...

Hymn or Song

Prayer and Confession

Prayer of the Day

One of the following is said:

Let us pray.

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.**

Or

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundance in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Or

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasping or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

The minister says one of the following:

Let people examine themselves and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup of the Lord. *(1 Cor 11:28)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. *(Ps. 51:1-3)*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *(Ps. 51:17)*

Come now, let us reason together says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. *(Is. 1:18)*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. *(Rom. 5:8-9)*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *(Heb. 4:14-16)*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sin, and not ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *(1 John 2:1-1)*

A pause of at least 15 seconds follows.

Confession of sin.

The minister says:

Let us confess our sin to God.

The minister says one of the following prayers:

Most merciful God, 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 and mind and strength. 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, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Or

Comforter, Spirit of Truth: you are everywhere and fill all things, the treasury of blessings and giver of life. Come and abide within us, cleanse us from all impurity and save our souls. **Amen.** *(Orthodox)*

Or

Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Father, cleanse us from our sins. Lord, pardon our iniquities. Holy Spirit, visit and heal our sicknesses for your Name's sake. Lord have mercy. **Amen.** *(Orthodox)*

Or

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offences against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help

us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Or

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbours, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

“Lord, have mercy”, Lamb of God”, or another appropriate song, is sung.”

Assurance of Forgiveness

The minister declares the assurance of God’s forgiving grace:

The Lord passed before Moses and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *(Ex. 34:6)*

The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *(Ps. 103:8)*

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” *(Is 43:25)*

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. *(Rom. 3:23-24)*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. *(Rom. 8:1-2)*

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. *(Rom. 8:34)*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. *(2 Cor. 5:17)*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight. *(Eph. 1:7-8)*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *(1 Tim. 1:15)*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For we were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. *(1 Peter 2:24-25)*

Or

To all those who truly acknowledge that they are sinners, humble themselves before God, and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare the forgiveness of their sins, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *(Calvin)*

To all who in this way repent and seek Jesus Christ for their salvation, I pronounce absolution in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *(Calvin)*

Let everyone truly acknowledge this in his heart and believe in Christ. In his name I proclaim to you who do so believe the forgiveness of all your sins, and declare you to be loosed from them on earth, so that you are loosed from them also (before God) in heaven. *(Bucer)*

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

Readings

A prayer for illumination is said:

Lord, your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Or

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own; that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The reader may then say:

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.

First Reading

Before the reading:

A reading from ...

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The psalm for the day in sung or said.

Second Reading

Before the reading:

A reading from ...

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Before the reading:

A reading from ...

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn or Song.

Sermon

Before the sermon the minister prays:

Startle us, O God, with your truth

And open our hearts to your Word:

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After the sermon is concluded, the minister says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection may follow.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and 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 men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and of Mary,
and became truly human.
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.**

Communion Hymn

At this point one of the orders for Holy Communion is used.