

Thanksgiving and Communion: a simple church rite, 1

(based on the Book of Common Prayer,
1979, Rite 2)

Confession

One

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

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; we have not loved our neighbors 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.

One

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Eucharist

One *The Lord be with you*

All *And also with you*

One *Lift up your hearts*

All *We lift them up to the Lord.*

One *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

One

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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.

One

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, 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 stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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 in 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 in remembrance of me."

There is a mystery to our faith. Therefore we proclaim together.

All

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

One

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Sending

One

I bless you

In the name of the Father, the Son

And the Sacred Spirit:

The One and the Three.

May God give you to drink of His cup;

May the sun be bright upon you;

May the night call down peace;

And when you come to His household

May the door be open wide

For you to go in to your joy

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanksgiving and Communion: a simple church rite, 2

(based on the Church of England, Common Worship,
Prayer H)

Invitation to Confession

One

You then, who truly and earnestly repent 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 this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Confession

All

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Absolution

One

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Eucharist

One

The Lord be with you

All

and also with you

One

Lift up your hearts

All

We lift them up to the Lord.

One

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give thanks and praise.

One

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

All

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

One

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

One

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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.

All

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

One

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

One

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

One

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Sending

One

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

Thanksgiving and Communion: a simple church rite, 3

(based on the United Methodist Church Book of
Worship, Service of Word and Table 1)

The Great Thanksgiving

One *The Lord be with you*
All *And also with you*

One *Lift up your hearts*
All *We lift them up to the Lord*

One *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*
All *It is right to give our thanks and praise*

One
*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and
everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth*

*You formed us in your image and breathed into us the
breath of life. When we turned away, and our love
failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us
from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.*

*And so, with your people on earth and all the company
of heaven who forever sing this glorious 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.

One
*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the
poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering
of sight to the blind, to liberate those who are
oppressed, and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.*

All
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with
sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and
resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us
from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new
covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with
us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

One
*On the night which he gave himself up for us, he took
bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to
his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do
this remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave
thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, poured out for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and
thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of
faith.*

All
Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

One
*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on
these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the
body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each
other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ
comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly
banquet.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in
your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty
Father, now and for ever.*

All
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

All
Our father in heaven,
Your name is holy,
So we honor you alone.
Display your world,
Set your purposes in motion
Before our eyes,
Just like you do beyond them
Surprise us today with what we need,
And as we forgive others
Take our sins away too.
Don't lead us astray,
But be present in our suffering.

Which is all that counts:
Your world,
Your provision,
Your presence,
Now and forever.
Amen

Breaking the Bread, Sharing the Cup

All
Because there is one loaf, we, who are many are one
body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread
which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the
blood of Christ.

After all have received the bread and cup

All
Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in
which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we
may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to
give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Sending

One
*Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all. Amen.*