



The Gathering

The president says:

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people:

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

All and with thy spirit.

Introduction

The president welcomes people and introduces the Harvest theme

Prayer of Preparation

All 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 president introduces the confession of sins

Prayers of Penitence

We have abused thy fragile creation:

Lord, have mercy . . .

All Lord, have mercy.

We have broken our relationships with one another:

Christ, have mercy . . .

All Christ, have mercy.

We have marred thine image in ourselves and thy world:

Lord, have mercy . . .

All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ

hast given to us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,

+ forgive thee thy sins,

lead us from apathy to love,

strengthen us as stewards of his precious people

and glorious creation,

and grant us all eternal life,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All 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, Jesus 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,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' to introduce The Collect of the Day

Creator God,
who madest the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank thee for our harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit and the president introduces the Readings from Holy Scripture

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (8:7-18)

⁷Moses said to the people: the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions.

He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.'

¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We respond by saying together Psalm 8 in Thanksgiving for Creation

All O Lord our governor,
how glorious is thy name in all the world!
2 Thy majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
3 Thou have founded a stronghold against thy foes,
that thou might still the enemy and the avenger.
4 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars that thou have ordained,
5 What is man, that thou shouldst be mindful of him;
the son of man, that thou should seek him out?
6 Thou hast made him little lower than the angels
and crown him with glory and honour.
7 Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands
and put all things under his feet,
8 All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
10 O Lord our governor,
how glorious is thy name in all the world!

A Reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (9:6-15)

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness* endures for ever.’

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand to welcome the Gospel and join in the acclamation:

All Alleluia, alleluia!

We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

⁴ When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, Jesus said in a parable:

⁵ 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷ Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸ Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.'

As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

⁹ Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant.

¹⁰ He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets* of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak* in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand."

¹¹ 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

¹³ The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.

¹⁴ As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

We sit for **the Sermon**

After a pause for reflection, we stand for the

The Profession of Faith

Dost thou 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.

Dost thou 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.

Dost thou believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and maketh Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We sit for our **Prayers of Intercession**

*for the Church, for the World, for all those who enable our Harvest; that
God's harvest might be exemplified in us, and those in any distress of mind or
heart, body or soul, may be filled with God's good things. The prayers
conclude with a Prayer in union with Creation:*

All Father, we praise thee with all thy creatures.

They came forth from thine all-powerful hand; they are thine,
filled with thy presence and thine tender love.

Praise be to thee!

Son of God, Jesus,

through thee all things were made.

Thou wast formed in the womb of Mary;

Thou becamest part of this earth,

and thou gazest upon this world with human eyes.

Today thou art alive in every creature in thy risen glory.

Praise be to thee!

Holy Spirit, by thy light

thou guidest this world towards the Father's love

and accompany creation as it groans in its efforts.

Thou also dwellest in our hearts and inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to thee!

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

wondrous community of infinite love,

teach us to contemplate thee in the beauty of the universe,

for all things speak of thee.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness

for every being that thou hast made.

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as the channels of thy love for all creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in thy sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with thy power and light,
help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of thy Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to thee!
Amen.

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and with thy spirit.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into thy Kingdom.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

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, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

For he is thy living Word;
through him thou hast created all things from the beginning,
and fashioned us in thine own image, the crown of all creation.
All thine works echo the silent music of thy praise.

Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman,
to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession,
exalting him to thy right hand on high,
and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

Thou gavest thy people breath and speech,
that with the angels and all the saints,
and with all the company of heaven,
we might laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he broke 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 to thee, he gave it to them, saying:

Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

One of the following may be used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

(or)

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

All O Saviour of the world,

who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,
inspire us with thy love,

and unite us in the body of thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end.

All Amen.

The president introduces

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president 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.

All O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takest away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Humble Access

All 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 nature 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.

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The president says the Post Communion prayer of the day:

Lord of the harvest,
as with joy we have offered our thanksgiving
for thy love shown in creation
and have shared in the bread of the Kingdom:
so by thy grace plant within us
a reverence for all that thou hast given us
and make us generous and wise stewards of those good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Almighty and ever-living 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 Spirit,
be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

May God the Father, that clothes the lilies of the field
and doth feed the birds of the air,
provide us with all that is needful for the fullness of life.
All Amen.

May God the Son, who didst feed the five thousand
and turned water into wine,
feed his people with his life and transform us in his love.
All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who didst hover over the waters of creation
and didst make the world from chaos,
form us in the likeness of Christ
and renew the face of the earth.
All Amen.

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

