

**Holy Eucharist** during which  
there just happen to be used some  
**Prayers of Love and Faith**

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# The Gathering

A hymn may be sung.

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

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

The priest may say words of welcome and introduction.

## Prayer of Preparation

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Or:

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

During Eastertide:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

# Prayer of Preparation

This prayer may be said

**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.**

# Prayers of Penitence

A minister uses a seasonal invitation to confession or these or other suitable words

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

Then follows either: silence, then either general confession, then absolution,  
or: Kyries with sentences, then absolution.

Silence.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

Or:

**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.  
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;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

**Or:**

...  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

..  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

...  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
✠ have mercy upon you  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis (on Sundays and Festivals)**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

# The Collect

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Sunday or of the Feast, or:

Almighty God,  
you send your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of all your people.  
Open the hearts of **N** and **N** to the riches of his grace,  
that they may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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In some traditions, the Collect for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is appropriate on Saturdays:

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from ...

...

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A psalm is said or sung.

A second reading may be read.

## Gospel Reading

An acclamation may herald the Gospel reading; this is suitable in Ordinary Time:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

I Samuel 3:9; John 6:68

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ☩ according to **N**:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon (on Sundays and Festivals)



## **The Creed (on Sundays and Festivals)**

**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 Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 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.**

# Prayers

## The Dedication

God of generosity and joy,  
with you is the well of life and in your light, we see light:  
we give you thanks for N and N,  
for the love and friendship they share,  
and for their commitment to one another.

As they come before you this day,  
trusting you as the giver of all good gifts,  
strengthen their love by your love,  
gladden their hearts with your joy,  
and transform their journey through life  
into a pilgrimage of grace.

By your blessing,  
and with you as their companion and guide,  
may they rejoice in hope and be sustained in love  
all the days of their life and in the age to come.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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Or:

Blessed are you, sovereign God,  
the author of all good things.

You have made us in your image  
to reflect your truth and light.

You have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who called us no longer servants, but friends.

Pour out, we pray, the abundance of your grace  
upon N and N in their life together.

Bless them that, loving each other as you have loved them,  
they may share in the blessings of your kingdom  
where goodness and mercy abound;

and bring them to feast with your saints for ever  
in your heavenly home,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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A prayer of commitment may be said by the couple together:

God of all good things,  
we offer you our lives,  
our hopes and hurts,  
our praise and promise,  
in a covenant of faith and hope.  
Unite our wills in your will,  
that we may support one another  
and show forth your love  
all the days of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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After which the priest says:

May almighty God  
give you grace to persevere with joy,  
that he may complete  
the work he has begun in you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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The priest may say either of the ‘prayers when rings are worn’:

God of faithfulness and joy,  
source of everlasting love,  
by your blessing, let these rings remind N and N  
of the commitment they have made to each other,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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Or:

Almighty God,  
whose love is revealed in Jesus Christ  
and poured out in the Holy Spirit:  
by your blessing, may these rings  
worn by your servants N and N  
be signs of their hope-filled covenant  
and of your everlasting love,  
in our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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## Acclamation

This responsory acclamation may be said, or a hymn may be sung.

Where you go, I will go;  
**Where you go, I will go;**  
Where you dwell, I will dwell;  
**Where you go, I will go.**

Your people shall be my people,  
**Where you go, I will go;**  
and your God shall be my God.  
**Where you go, I will go.**

Ruth 1:16–17

# Prayers of Intercession

Extemporary prayers may be used instead or as well, but it would be difficult to later prove that these did not breach Canon B5.

God of love and mercy,  
look with kindness on your servants N and N.  
Give them wisdom and devotion in their life together,  
that each may be to the other  
a strength in need, a counsellor in perplexity,  
a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

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May the hospitality of their home  
bring refreshment and joy to all around them;  
may their love overflow to neighbours in need  
and embrace those in distress.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray that those whose lives are brought together  
be given wisdom, patience and courage  
to serve one another in Christ's name.  
Help them to desire all that is good,  
that the offering of their lives may speak your praise.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

May the friends and family gathered here,  
and those separated by distance,  
be strengthened and blessed this day.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustain **N** and **N** throughout their lives  
and finally, in your mercy, bring them  
to the joy of your heavenly city  
where we will all see you face to face.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

One (or none) of these sentences, then ‘The peace of the Lord...’ (opposite):

Jesus said, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

Love in all sincerity. Never pay back evil for evil.

If possible, so far as it lies with you, live at peace with all.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

A hymn may be sung.



If a hymn is sung, the two prayers below (or others) may be said sotto voce:

## Preparation of the Table

“At the Preparation of the Table in a service of Holy Communion, one or both of the couple, or their family and friends, may be invited to bring the elements of bread and wine to the holy table.”

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## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
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 set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic 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 thanks and praise.**

### Prayer E (or another)

**This Extended Preface for Ordinary Time, or another of the season or day:**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

Or, in some traditions, the Extended Preface for the Annunciation of Our Lord is appropriate on Saturdays:

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

We give you thanks and praise  
that the Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.  
From the warmth of her womb  
to the stillness of the grave  
he shared our life in human form.  
In him new light has dawned upon the world  
and you have become one with us  
that we might become one with you  
in your glorious kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink from 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. ✠

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us — with Mary the Mother of God, [parish patron(s)],  
[saint(s) of the day] and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Silence.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The people receive; a hymn may be sung or silence kept.

## Form for supplementary consecration

Father, having given thanks over the bread and the cup  
according to the institution of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who said,  
'Take, eat; this is my body'  
[and/or 'Drink this; this is my blood'],  
we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
this bread/wine also  
may be to us his body/blood,  
to be received in remembrance of him.

## Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion of the Sunday or Feast, or another suitable prayer (such as this one), is said.

Holy Spirit of God,  
you know our strength  
and have compassion on our frailty.  
Be with **N** and **N**  
in all they undertake.  
And grant that we their friends,  
with all who become their friends,  
may love and support them in the years ahead;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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In some traditions, the Post Communion for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is appropriate on Saturdays:

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessèd Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Either of the following may be said:

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

Or:

**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.**

A hymn may be sung before or after the congregational blessing.

# The Dismissal

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...

Or:

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace...

Num 6:24–26

...and the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Or, during Eastertide:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

✠ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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