

## The Lord is Here

Notes

### **Type of service**

- ¶ A Service of Holy Communion;
- ¶ A fully worked out sample, suitable for local reproduction;
- ¶ Makes less 'standard' choices of texts and is likely to be suitable for regular, but probably not weekly, use.

### **Responsive style**

The dominant style in this service is responsive. If the suggestions here are replaced with other options this should be borne in mind. The biddings during the intercessions should be kept brief in order to maintain this sense of movement.

### **Confession**

A Kyrie form of confession has been included. Attention is drawn to the note in *Common Worship* (Note 10, page 331) which states that this form of confession 'should not be the norm on Sundays'.

Note that the absolution is followed by the acclamation, 'Thanks be to God'.

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

The form printed here is designed for responsive speaking. If possible, a sung version or another song of praise should be used.

### **Gospel acclamation**

A form of acclamation is suggested which is different from that in *Common Worship*.

### **The Peace**

A standard introduction to the Peace has been used, but it has been turned into a responsive form.

### **Prayers at the Preparation of the Table**

The use of the 'With this bread that we bring ...' responses requires careful consideration of the practicalities. The leader's text here could be said by those bringing the bread and wine forward as they bring them – in which case care must be taken not to drown this out with a hymn at that point. Alternatively they could be said after any hymn either by those who have brought the elements forward, or by the president or another minister.

## ***Eucharistic Prayer***

Because of the responsive nature of the whole service, Prayer H has been chosen and is printed in full. Other suitable prayers that could be used (if printed) might include Prayers A (with optional responses), D or F. Alternatively, Prayers A, B or E could be used with a responsive thanksgiving from this book as a long Proper Preface.

## ***After Communion***

The 'Father of all ...' prayer has been used, not as printed in *Common Worship*, but turned into a responsive form.

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## **A Service of Holy Communion**

*We say together the words printed in bold.*

## **The Gathering**

### ***The Greeting***

We meet in the name of God:

**All Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

*(or)*

Be with us, Spirit of God;

**All nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

**All fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**All bring strength, healing and peace.**

*Silence is kept.*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may follow.*

**Prayers of Penitence**

*A minister invites the congregation to confession using this form or other suitable words*

The Spirit of truth will convict the world

of guilt about sin, righteousness and judgement.

**All We have grieved the Holy Spirit.**

In sorrow we confess our sins.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*The Kyries are used, with penitential sentences inserted between each section*

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive *us our* sins,

and bring *us* to the fellowship of his table

with his saints for ever.

**All Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest.

**All Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

**All Glory to God in the highest.**

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

**All Glory to God in the highest.**

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

**All Glory to God in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

**All Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**All Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**All Glory to God in the highest.**

**Amen.**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

*Reading(s)*

*This response may be used*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*A psalm or canticle may follow the first reading; other hymns and songs may be used between the readings.*

*Gospel Reading*

Praise the Lord.

**All Alleluia.**

*A sentence from Scripture is added here.*

Alleluia.

**All Praise the Lord.**

*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*

*Creed*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*This, or some other, response may be used*

In faith we pray.

**All We pray to you our God.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*The Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

**All In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.**

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

**All and builds up our common life.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

*Preparation of the Table*

*This prayer at the preparation of the table may be said.*

With this bread that we bring

**All we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

**All we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood,

gifts from God to his table we bring.

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

*(or)*

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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 Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

**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.**

*Breaking of the Bread*

Every time we eat this bread

and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death**

**until he comes.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**All have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**All have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**All grant us peace.**

*Giving of Communion*

*This invitation is given*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*Prayer after Communion*

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.

**All 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.

**All Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung.*

The Dismissal

*This ending or a suitable blessing may be used*

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

**All he loves us and tenderly cares for us.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

**All he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:

**All he will lead us in God's holy way.**

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**be praise and glory today and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*A minister may say*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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