

# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn

### Invocation and Preparation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Almighty God,  
to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid:  
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.*

### The Gloria

*In 2* *f*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -  
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
*poco rit.*  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
*a tempo* *mp* *poco cresc.*  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin \_\_\_ of the world; have  
mer - cy on us; \_\_\_ you are seat - ed at the right  
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our \_\_\_ prayer. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, \_\_\_  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Two Lessons are read, with The Psalm after the First Lesson.*

A Reading from...

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm



## Sequence Hymn

## The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...  
**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

*All standing and facing the altar:*

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**He became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Prayer is offered with intercession for*  
*The Universal Church, its members, and its mission*  
*The Nation and all in authority*  
*The welfare of the world and the concerns of the local community*  
*Those who suffer and those in any trouble and the departed*

*The Deacon invites the People to pray:*

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.  
Let us seek his intercession,  
that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

*In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for Your Church, Your broken body in the world:  
For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Lucinda our Bishop.  
For Ian our Rector and Pastor Karen.  
For our Partner Diocese of Gloucester and Partner Parish of Winchcombe.  
For all who minister in Your name.

*The concerns for Christian and other faith communities and persons may be offered.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
pray for the world, and make it subject to Your gentle rule:  
For those who govern and lead and those who work for peace.

*The concerns of nations, conflicts and persons may be offered.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God,  
pray for Your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow:  
Especially those known to us who suffer in mind, body or spirit...

*The concerns of persons known to us may be offered.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to Your glory through Your death and resurrection:  
pray for all who are dying, especially...

*Those who are dying may be named.*

that they may trust in Your promises.  
And pray for those who mourn those who have died, especially...

*Those who have recently died may be named.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of all things,  
ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe,  
pray for us who receive the gifts You give us for work in Your service:  
especially...

*Thanksgivings may be offered here.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
until You bring the whole created order to worship at Your feet;  
for You are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Confession**

Let us confess our share in what is wrong in the world,  
and our failure to seek and establish that peace  
which is the will for all God's children.

**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.**

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

## **The Peace**

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Welcome, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements**

### **Birthdays**

O God, our times are in Your hand:  
Look with favor, we pray, on Your servant *N.* as s/he begins another year.  
Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace,  
and strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness all the days of his/her life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anniversaries**

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage  
that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church:  
Send therefore Your blessing upon these Your servants,  
that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other  
in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,  
that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Holy Communion from the Church of England's "Common Worship"

*The Offertory and Anthem*

Let us with gladness present  
the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*The Choir sings an anthem as a collection is taken for the work of St Stephen's.*

## The Doxology

*The people stand after the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, and say at 8am*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the splendor, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours.  
All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.**

*and sing at 10am*

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye

heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

# The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrate recounts what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.*

*The preface culminates with the Sanctus, said at 8am and sung at 10am...*

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord, You are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and according to Your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread and gave You thanks;

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.

In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave you thanks;

He gave it to them, saying:

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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father,

calling to mind His death on the cross,

His perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for His coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

we bring before You this bread and this cup

and we thank You for counting us worthy to stand in Your presence and serve You.

Send the Holy Spirit on Your people

and gather into one in Your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify You for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory be Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**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.**  
**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Then the following is said at 8am and sung at 10am*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

## **June:**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

## **July:**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*At St. Stephen's, all are welcome to come to the altar. If you would like to receive Communion / the Sacrament, please place your hands, palms upward, to receive the bread, and then receive the wine from the chalice. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and bow your head for a blessing from the Priest or Deacon.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

*During the ministrations of Communion, hymns or anthems may be sung.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**

**You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage**

**to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*The Celebrate offers an introduction to the blessing, and ends with...*

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

## Final Hymn

## Dismissal

*The Deacon proclaims words to send us out into the world.*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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