

Prayers of Thanksgiving

*All*

**Not as we would, but as we are able,  
we praise and thank you Father  
for the reality of Christ's birth,  
the glory of His humanity,  
a man born of woman,  
tempted as we are yet without sin.  
For His obedience to your will,  
the generosity of His life:  
for His sacrifice on the cross,  
the wonder of His resurrection,  
and the assurance that He lives for ever to save us,  
for the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
for calling us to be His people;  
for the hope all can find in Him.  
Accept our thanksgiving,  
Lord God through your son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Lifting of the Cup

*The minister says*

Great is the Mystery of faith

*All*

**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again**

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

The Blessing

## The Royal Army Chaplains' Department



# Communion Service

An English Reformed Rite.

The United Board of Churches

# Holy Communion

## United Board Churches

### The Preparation

Call to Worship (Psalm)

Hymn

Prayers of Praise, Confession and Assurance

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.**

### The Word

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Address

### The Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Preparation

*All*

**Gracious Heavenly Father,  
having called us to Your Holy Table,  
grant us the assurance of your pardoning love  
and give us grace from the heart freely to forgive others.  
Accept us as we dedicate ourselves to you,  
and grant that feeding on Christ by faith,  
we may be strengthened by your Holy Spirit  
and enabled to live in fellowship with you,  
now and always. Amen**

Words of Hope

Words of Institution

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.

*1 Corinthians 11:17-29*