## COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

**Words in bold type are said by all.** Words in normal type are said by a minister. Words in italics are instructions.

### The Gathering

Communion by Extension: when no Priest is available, an authorized lay minister leads the Service of the Word before administering The Holy Communion with previously consecrated elements.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

The confession is introduced in these or other words

My brothers and sisters, let us call to mind our sins.

These or similar verses are used with Lord have Mercy

[May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord, and your salvation according to your word:] Lord, have mercy.]

Lord, have mercy.

[Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path: Christ, have mercy.]

Christ, have mercy.

[O let your mercy come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight:] Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The lay minister says

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life **Amen.** 

Except in Advent and Lent, Gloria in excelsis may be used

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 lay minister invites all to pray in silence. This is concluded with The Collect. All respond Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

One or two readings follow.

Psalms and Canticles be used between readings.

After each reading these words may be used.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

This or some similar acclamation may herald the Gospel reading, and all respond with Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

[Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.]

Alleluia.

All remain standing.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

### Prayers of Intercession

The lay minister says

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

These words may be used

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

(or)

Let us pray to the Lord **Lord**, **have mercy**.

The prayers may end with these words, or else with a collect.

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

The lay minister says

In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

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

The lay minister then says

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

Standing away from the holy table, the lay minister reads from St Luke's Gospel.

"They recognized him in the breaking of bread"

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!'

Luke 24.30-34

All respond.

Blessed are you, God of those who hunger and thirst, for you give us our food in due season. You nourish us with your word, which is the bread of life. You strengthen us with your Spirit, the new wine of your Kingdom. In Christ you are food for the hungry, refreshment for the weary. Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer. Blessed be God for ever.

### 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.

#### **Giving of Communion**

The lay minister moves to the Holy Table and says

The Church of God, of which we are members, has taken bread and wine and given thanks over them according to our Lord's command. These holy gifts have been *brought to / kept for* us that we too may share in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Silene is kept and the minister says

God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Thelay minister and people receive communion.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Silence is kept, and the minister may say a post communion collect.

All may say

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.

This or some other ending may be used.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Thelay minister says

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

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