

Alternative Services
Second Series

An Order for

HOLY COMMUNION

This Service

has been authorized for use until 31 December 1979, pursuant to Canon B 2 of the Canons of the Church of England. Decisions as to which of the authorized forms of service are to be used (other than occasional offices) shall be taken jointly by the incumbent and the parochial church council, as provided by Canon B 3.

Notes

Sections not preceded by the symbol ►, and material in [brackets], may be omitted.

The printing of prayers in short lines shows that the People should or may join with the Priest.

The People should say or sing responses printed in *italics*.

The Antecomunion

Introduction

1. At the entry of the Ministers a psalm, or portion of a psalm, may be sung, or else a hymn.

2. Then may be said the following prayer.

**Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

3. One of the following may be used: either the Ten Commandments, or our Lord's summary of the Law, or the Kyries in English or Greek. The text for these appears in Appendix 1 on pp. 13 and 14.

4. Then may be sung or said,

**Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

For thou only art Holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- ▶ 5. Then shall the Priest read the Collect of the Day, first saying,
The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

The Ministry of the Word

6. A lesson from the Old Testament may then be read.
7. A psalm, or portion of a psalm, may then be sung or said, or else a canticle, or a hymn.
▶ 8. A lesson from the Old or New Testament shall then be read.
9. A psalm, or portion of a psalm, may then be sung or said, or else a canticle, or a hymn.
▶ 10. A lesson from the Gospels shall then be read; and when the Gospel is announced, the People shall answer,
Glory be to thee, O Lord.
▶ 11. At the end of the Gospel the People shall answer,
Praise be to thee, O Christ.
▶ 12. The sermon shall be preached after the Gospel.
▶ 13. On Sundays and other holy days the Creed shall then be sung or said.

I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:

who for us men, and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the Giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercession

- ▶ 14. The prayers of the Church shall then be offered by the Priest or by one of the other Ministers.

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ
Jesus, and for all men according to their needs.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the prayers of
those who ask in faith:

Here he may pray for the Church throughout the world, and especially for the diocese and its Bishop; for any particular need of the Church; and a short period of silence may be kept; after which he may say,

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

