

# Service with communion

## SIMPLIFIED SPOKEN FORM

*This form of the holy communion service is basically a shortened form of the Service—Alternative Form. It is a revision of the 'Simplified form of the communion service', released in a leaflet by the Commission on Worship in 1989.*

## PREPARATION

### IN THE NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## HYMN/SONG

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**We confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done**

**and by what we have failed to do.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.**

**We deserve your eternal punishment.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.**

As a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## HYMN/SONG/PSALM

*An entrance hymn or song may be sung, or the appointed psalm may be sung or said. The psalm concludes with:*

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

Let us pray (for...).

...now and forever.

**Amen.**

### READING(S)

*After each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*The psalm may follow the (first) reading if it has not been used earlier.*

### GOSPEL

*After the gospel:*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN/SONG

### SERMON

### CREED

*The Nicene Creed (below) is said, or the Apostles' Creed.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.

\* *This means:* us human beings

† or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'

## **HYMN/SONG**

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER/SONG**

*One of the following or another offertory may be said or sung.*

*EITHER*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*OR*

Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks  
what you have first given us —  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions —  
as signs of your goodness and symbols of our love.  
Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
who offered himself for us. Amen.

*OR*

*One of the following hymns/songs, or selected verses:*

*LHS 358, 362, 364, 367, 372, 375, 377, 378, 858, 859; ATN 95; ATE  
269; ATO 353, 354, 357, 358*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### **HYMN**

#### **PREFACE**

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The special preface for the season may be added.

And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**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.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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 forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**DISTRIBUTION**

*During the distribution, hymns/songs and other appropriate music may be used.*

**DISMISSAL**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace. †

Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us through this healing gift;  
and we pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us  
in faith toward you and in love toward one another;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CONCLUSION**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.

Amen.

**HYMN/SONG OF PRAISE**