

# *Holy Communion following a Service of the Word*

*Leader*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God calls us to faithful service by the proclamation of the word, and sustains us with the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Hear now God's word, and receive this holy food from the Lord's table.

*A passage of scripture appropriate to the day or occasion, or one of the following passages is read.*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (*John 6:35*)

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." (*John 6:51, 55-56*)

Jesus said, "Abide in me, as I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." (*John 15:4-5a, 8-9*)

*Suitable prayers may be offered.*

*Leader*

Dear Friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*All*

**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 neighbours 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.**

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all your sins, confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

**Amen.**

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*Leader*

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 are now offered that, with faith and thanksgiving, we may share in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

*All*

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.**

*Or*

*Leader*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*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 minister may say the following invitation.*

*Leader*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All*

Thanks be to God.

*After Communion*

*Leader*

Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from  
generation to generation, in the Church and  
in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

*All*

*The service concludes with a dismissal.*

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

Thanks be to God.

