

# **Book of Common Prayer**

## **Holy Communion**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

### **Prayer of Preparation**

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.

*All*      **Amen.**

### **The Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy  
heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:  
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
There is none other commandment greater than  
these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and  
the prophets.

*All*   **Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts we  
beseech thee.**

### *The Collect for the Sovereign*

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and  
power infinite: have mercy upon the whole  
Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant  
*Elizabeth, our Queen* and Governor, that she  
(knowing whose minister she is) may above all  
things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and  
all her subjects (duly considering whose authority  
she hath) may faithfully serve, honour and humbly  
obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy  
blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth  
and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

*All*   **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*The priest says the Collect of the Day.*

*All*   **Amen.**

### **Epistle**

*The reader says*

The Epistle is written in the ... chapter of ...  
beginning at the ... verse.

*At the end*

Here endeth the Epistle.

## Gospel

*The reader says*

The holy Gospel is written in the ... chapter of the  
Gospel  
according to Saint ... , beginning at the ... verse.

*All may respond*

**All Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All may respond*

**All Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

**All 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 and 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 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.**

## **Offertory**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may  
see your good works, and glorify your Father  
which is in heaven.

*Matthew 5.16*

*The priest places the bread and wine upon the  
table.*

## **Intercession**

*Brief biddings may be given.*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church  
militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy  
apostle hast taught us to make prayers and  
supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we  
humbly beseech thee most mercifully [to accept  
our alms and oblations, and] to receive these our

prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen*, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

*All*

**Amen.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

## **Confession**

*All*    Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
we acknowledge and bewail  
    our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we, from time to time,  
    most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and  
indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Absolution**

*The priest says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness  
of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and  
true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon *you*;  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins; confirm  
and strengthen *you* in all goodness; and bring *you*  
to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

### The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ  
saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-  
begotten Son,  
to the end that all that believe in him should not  
perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be  
received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to  
save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the  
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and he is the propitiation for our sins.

## Preface

*The priest and the people praise God for his goodness.*

Lift up your hearts.

*All*    **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*All*    **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The priest says*

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places, give  
thanks unto thee,  
O Lord, holy Father,  
almighty, everlasting God.

## PROPER PREFACES

*Upon Christmas Day, and seven days after.*

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

*Upon Easter Day, and seven days after.*

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

*Upon Ascension Day, and seven days after.*

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, &c.

*Upon Whitsunday, and six days after.*

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, &c.

*Upon the Feast of Trinity only.*

WHO art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee, and *saying*:

**All**    **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Amen.**

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

We do not presume  
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy  
table.

But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:

grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his  
body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious  
blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us.

*All*      **Amen.**

### The Prayer of Consecration

*The priest, standing at the table, says the Prayer of Consecration*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

*Here the priest is to take the paten.*  
and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,  
*Here the priest shall break the bread.*  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;  
*Here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread.*  
this is my body which is given for you:

do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;

*Here the priest is to take the cup.*

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,  
saying,

Drink ye all of this;

*Here the priest is to lay a hand on every vessel  
in which there is wine to be consecrated.*

for this is my blood of the new testament,  
which is shed for you and for many, for the  
remission of sins:

do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance  
of me.

*All*      **Amen.**

## Giving of Communion

*The priest and people receive communion.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*All*      **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

## Prayer after Communion

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble  
servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness

mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.

*All*      **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*All*      **Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, goodwill 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,  
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 most high  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*The priest says*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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