

## **Holy Communion**

### **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom  
no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts  
of our hearts  
by the inspiration  
of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly  
love you,  
and worthily magnify  
your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus  
Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in  
penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep  
God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace  
with all.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that  
we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with  
our whole heart.  
We have not loved our  
neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend  
what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you,  
our God.  
Amen.**

*The president says*

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

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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 Collect**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Reading**

### **Romans 14:1-12**

14<sup>1</sup> Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them

stand.

<sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel** **Matthew 18:21-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

<sup>23</sup> 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

<sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred

denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

<sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

*At the end*

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

**Sermon**

## **The Creed**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

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

## The Peace

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in  
one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share  
his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be  
always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Hymn:

## Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord,  
is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven  
and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give  
you.**

*The president takes the bread  
and wine.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

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  
thanks and praise.**

It is always right  
to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.

You made us  
and the whole universe.  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son  
to live among us,  
Jesus, our Saviour,  
Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us  
from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and fill us with power  
from on high.

And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father,  
on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal  
with his friends.

He took the bread,  
and thanked you.  
He broke it,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal,  
Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood;  
the new promise of God's  
unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Father,  
as we bring this bread and wine  
and remember his death  
and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body  
and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing  
of the earth,  
and share the good news  
of Jesus.  
As we wait for his  
coming in glory.

For honour and praise  
belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son,  
and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us,  
so we 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are  
one body,  
because we all share in one  
bread.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as  
the bread is broken*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says one of these  
invitations to communion*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which  
he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that  
he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people  
receive communion.  
Authorized words of distribution  
are used and the communicant  
replies*

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All may say one of these prayers*

**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.**

**Hymn:**

## Dismissal

The peace of God,  
which passes 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 Spirit,  
be among you and remain with  
you always.

**Amen.**

*A minister says*

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