

## **Common Worship    The Mid-week Eucharist    Order Two (Contemporary)**

*Welcome to this service. Baptised communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion in the Church of England. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing.*

*If you are new to this church, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or churchwardens after the service.*

*Before worship you may like to use one or more of the devotional prayers on this page and at the back of this booklet.*

*The Lord's Prayer may be said*

### **The Greeting**

*The president greets the people*

**The Lord be with you.  
and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans 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.**

*The Summary of the Law is used except during Lent, when the Commandments are read in full.*

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
the first commandment is this:  
'hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**Amen.**

## Readings

*Either one or two readings from Scripture may precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say*

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

## Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced please stand.*

*The reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

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

*After the preacher has introduced the sermon, please sit.*

## Sermon

## The Creed

*Please stand.*

**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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
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.**

## Offertory

*Please sit. One of the following or another sentence of Scripture is used.*

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

*The president places the bread and wine on the table.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please kneel (or sit).*

*The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

¶ *The Church of Christ*

¶ *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*

¶ *The local community*

¶ *Those who suffer*

¶ *The communion of saints*

*These responses may be used*

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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*A minister reads this shorter exhortation*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
as we gather at the Lord's table  
we must recall the promises and warnings  
given to us in the Scriptures.  
Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.  
Let us give thanks to God  
for his redemption of the world  
through his Son Jesus Christ,  
and as we remember Christ's death for us,  
and receive this pledge of his love,  
let us resolve to serve him in holiness  
and righteousness  
all the days of our life.

## Invitation to Confession

*A minister uses a seasonal invitation to confession or these, or other suitable words*

You then, who truly and earnestly repent 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 this day forward in his holy ways:  
draw near with faith,  
and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;  
and make your humble confession to almighty God.

## Confession

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

## Absolution

*The minister says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who in his great mercy  
has promised forgiveness of sins  
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith  
turn to 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.

**Amen.**

## The Comfortable Words

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden  
and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11.28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish  
but have eternal life.

*John 3.16*

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true and worthy of acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Tim 1.15*

Hear what Saint John says:

if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and he is the propitiation for our sins.

*1 John 2.1,2*

## Preface

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

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 indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*A Proper Preface may follow*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**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.**

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
but you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

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

*The president recalls the Last Supper*

*The prayer ends with*

**Amen.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

## **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.**

## **Peace**

*Please stand.*

*These or other words may be used to introduce the Peace*

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*These words may be added*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*Please kneel (or sit).*

*The Post Communion prayer of thanksgiving or another suitable prayer is said.*

Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through 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 Blessing

*The minister may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing, or*

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.**