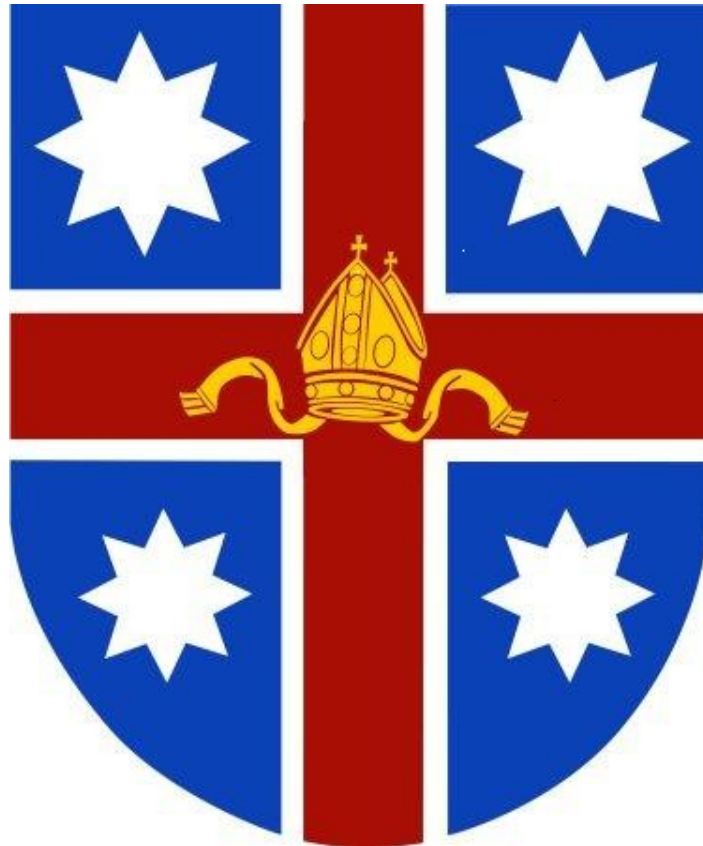


# An Alternate Order of Holy Communion



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## **Notes on Holy Communion Service for trial use.**

1. The notes regarding Holy Communion First and Second Orders in A Prayer Book for Australia, page 117 and 164-165 also apply to this service.
2. This service has no specific seasonal material and so may be more appropriate for use on some Sundays from the Third Sunday after Epiphany and the Sundays after Pentecost, not including Trinity Sunday, however the themes within the text itself may also be appropriate for certain other days.
3. If this service is used on a Sunday, the Nicene Creed or Apostles' Creed should be said in the usual place after the Gospel reading or after the sermon.
4. It may be appropriate to use either an Old Testament Reading or an Epistle Reading, rather than both, before the Gospel.
5. This service may only be used with the written permission of the bishop under the terms of section 4 of the Constitution.

An Order for the Eucharist  
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*The priest says*  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*[The deacon may say*  
We come by the grace of the one God,  
creator of beauty, lover of justice.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
one with us in sorrow and in joy.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We are one in the Spirit who fills the Church,  
breath of life, making all things new.

**Blessed be God for ever.]**

Come and worship the holy and glorious Trinity,  
as we pray together:

**God of the feast,  
your Wisdom calls us,  
your Word teaches us  
and your love feeds us here.**

**Give us grace to welcome one another  
as you have welcomed us in Christ Jesus,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*The deacon says*  
We remember that the Lord Jesus died  
so that sins would be forgiven.  
Let us confess our sins  
to the God who knows us through and through.

*silence*

We ask for God's forgiveness, as we pray together:

**Holy God,  
we have disobeyed your commandments,  
we have resisted your call,  
we have failed again and again  
to live in your generous love.  
We are sorry for all our sins,  
and ask you to forgive us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The priest says*  
God who has called you is faithful.  
Your sins are forgiven  
and your failures are forgotten.  
Live by the Spirit's transforming power,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Glory to God in the Highest or another Song of Praise  
may be sung*

*The priest says the Prayer of the Day*

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*After the first reading from the Bible*  
Hear the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Before the Gospel reading*  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The sermon*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayer is offered for the world and for the church*

*The prayers may conclude with this or another suitable prayer,  
or the Lord's Prayer if it is not used later*

Lord, hear our prayers.

**Use us by your grace**

**so that the world is changed for good**

**and you are known and loved as Lord of all,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*The priest says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with the peace of Christ*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God.

In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness,

you made living things to grow and flourish

and you created human beings to bear your image.

You chose us in love,

guided us by your presence

and blessed us with your holy law.

Yet we chose our own sinful ways.  
We broke your commandments,  
persecuted your prophets,  
forgot your wisdom  
and, time after time,  
refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word  
in a human voice  
in Jesus of Nazareth,  
son of Mary, Son of God.  
He called and people followed,  
leaving every other loyalty.  
He set them free to praise your holy name.

But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down.  
Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross,  
he laid down his life for the world he loved.  
Then your love worked its greatest wonder in the  
grave.

On the third day you raised him up  
and turned our sorrow into joy.

So we praise you, holy God,  
with angels and archangels  
and your people everywhere:

**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.]**

On the night before he died,  
Jesus gathered with his friends  
to share a meal and wash their feet,  
teaching one last lesson of love.

He took bread and blessed it and broke it.

He gave it to them and said:

“Take this and eat it.

This is my body.”

Then he took a cup of wine and blessed it.

He gave it to them and said:

“Take this and drink it.

This is my blood,

sealing God’s promise to forgive your sins.

Whenever you do this,

do it in memory of me.”

As we share these holy gifts,

we remember the Lord Jesus

for the love he taught us,

the sacrifice he made for us

and the hope he gives us.

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

And now, faithful God, send us your Spirit,

to make us one body in Christ

as we receive

the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation,

the body and the blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Fill us with energy, courage and love

and send us as your messengers to the world.

Now to you, most holy God,

through Christ your Son and in the Spirit’s power,

we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*If the Lord's Prayer has not already been said it is said here or after the communion*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD  
AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts  
with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*After Communion, we stand to pray.*

Let us pray.

We thank you, God,  
for all the blessings of this table:

for the life-giving story,  
the living bread  
and the wine of new creation.

**Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal,  
to tell the Good News to neighbours and strangers  
with creative words  
and compassionate service,  
walking the way to Christ.**

*The priest says*

God who has called you is faithful.  
Go into the world with joy,  
forgive generously,  
love extravagantly,  
live abundantly.  
And the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## APPENDIX THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The deacon says*

We remember the Lord Jesus,  
and how he lived to help and heal the people who came  
to him  
in sickness, grief or trouble.  
So we still come to him  
and pray for the world, for the Church,  
for ourselves and for each other.

*An intercessor leads these prayers*

Lord of the nations,  
we bring you the troubles of the world.

*...silence...*

Change hearts and habits,  
until the strong care for the weak,  
the rich care for the poor,  
the planet is treasured and tended,  
and peace and justice come in this and every land.

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

Lord of all faithful disciples,  
we bring you the needs of the Church.

*...silence...*

Pour out your Spirit more and more  
to strengthen every one of us for mission.  
Encourage our bishops, priests and deacons,  
inspire our teachers, pastors and prophets,  
and renew us in faith and prayer.

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

Lord of love,  
we bring you the challenges of community.

*...silence...*

In our homes, families and workplaces,  
teach us affection and respect.  
In our schools, hospitals and community groups,  
give pleasure in many talents and good teamwork.  
Let love grow in all our relationships.

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

Lord of life and peace,  
we bring you the people who need your care today.

*...silence...*

Heal the sick and give peace to the dying.

Comfort people in pain or in grief.  
Give tenderness and strength  
to those who carry heavy burdens of care for others.  
Be our wise guide in every decision we make.

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

Lord of the world to come,  
we bring our memories of the people we love who have  
died.

*...silence...*

We give you thanks  
for your image shining through their lives,  
for all the saints who have trusted you through the ages,  
and for your promise to bring us, with them,  
to resurrection life.

Give us grace to grow in holiness to the end of our days.

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