

## HOLY COMMUNION

Common Worship 2000

we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The minister breaks the consecrated bread, saying*  
Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup

*All* **We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes**

*The minister then invites people to receive.*

*After the distribution of the bread and wine, there may be prayer and  
praise.*

*After a blessing, the minister dismisses the people:*  
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The service begins with singing and prayer.*

### CONFESSION

*After preparation and/or a time of reflection:*

Let us confess our sins to God.  
*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 minister says a prayer of absolution.*

*Songs of praise may be sung.*

*A prayer reflecting the theme of the day is said.*

### READINGS

*One or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say*  
This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*There may be psalms or songs between readings.*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to....

*All* **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

*Various forms of prayer may be used.*

*The Lord's prayer may be said now or later*

*All* **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

*After some introductory words the minister says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*We thank God for his goodness, concluding with the words:*

...praising you, and saying:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,