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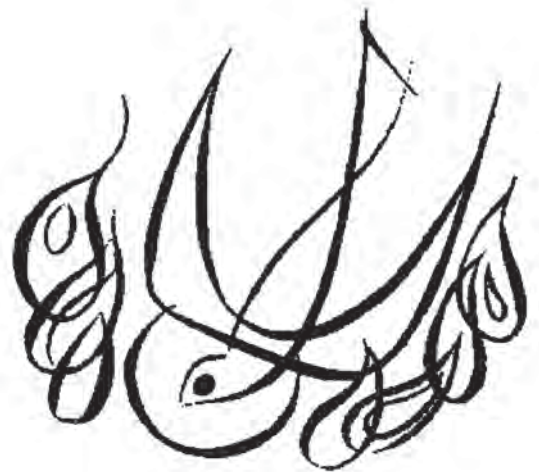
# The Eucharist

for

# Sunday after Ascension

and

# Pentecost





## Gathering

### HYMN

*Stand*

### GREETING

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

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The service is introduced*

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*Pause for reflection*

**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.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **GLORIA**

**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.**

## **COLLECT**



## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **READING**

*Sit*

*At the end:*

Hear the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**He is the King of creation.**

**Alleluia, alleluia...**

### **GOSPEL READING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

**Alleluia, alleluia...**



## **SERMON**

*Sit*

## **CREED**

*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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Kneel*

*We may use these responses:*

Lord come to bless us,  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

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



## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### PEACE

*Stand*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

### EUCCHARISTIC 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**



*On the Sunday after Ascension:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once and for all into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.  
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

*On the Day of Pentecost:*

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father,  
almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.  
This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts,  
leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues  
in the confession of one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,

to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest; hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;  
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name,  
he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna, hosanna, 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, shared it with 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 a 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, as we remember all that Jesus did,  
we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,



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

Praise to you Lord Jesus.

**Dying you destroyed our death;  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 (*N. and*) 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. **Amen.**

*Kneel*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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 THE 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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

*Please come forward to the altar for communion or a blessing.*

## **HYMN**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Kneel*

*The prayer for the day, then:*

**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.**



## NOTICES



### Going Out

#### **BLESSING SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**

*Stand*

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### **BLESSING FOR PENTCOST**

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the water when the world was created,  
breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed Mary when Jesus, the eternal Son, came among us,  
make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire on the day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING HYMN

### DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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