

Holy Communion on Sundays in the Absence of a Priest

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We Gather in the Lord's Name

Opening Acclamation

Minister of the Word Grace and peace in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Song of Praise

Salutation

Minister of the Word God be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Minister of the Word Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

Lessons and Psalter

If a Deacon is present, he or she should read the Gospel according to the normal practice of the congregation. Otherwise, the gospel reading is read by a lector as at Morning or Evening Prayer. Lectors and intercessors are normally persons other than the Minister of the Word or the Minister of Reserved Sacrament, just as at an ordinary celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday morning.

After the lessons, the Lector says

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Order of Lessons: Old Testament, [Psalm], New Testament, Gospel

Sequence hymns or chanted psalms may be incorporated, per local custom.

Proclamation

If there is a deacon or Licensed Preacher in the congregation, he or she should preach. If there is no Licensed Preacher in a congregation, the Minister of the Word is to lead a conversation of about 5-10 minutes about the lessons of the day. General questions and approach will come from the Liturgy, Music and the Arts Task Force this year. The Minister of the Word also may use "Sermons that Work" or "Synthesis" materials to guide discussions.

Nicene Creed

To be said by all

***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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.***

We Pray for the World and the Church

Any of the forms provided by the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* may be used for the Prayers of the People, however, congregations are encouraged to utilize the generous and flexible — and frequently overlooked — invitation of the *Book of Common Prayer* to write Prayers of the People. Of the six forms provided (BCP pp. 383- 393), none are required. Any of them may be used or adapted to the occasion. They also may be replaced by other forms. All that is required is that the topics listed at the top of page 383 be included in the prayers. The six forms provided may also be used as models for the creation of new forms. The prayers may be led either by the Minister of the Word, a lector or other appointed petitioner.

We Confess Our Sins

Minister of the Word Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Minister of the Word and People *God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

Minister of the Word Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People *Amen.*

We Exchange the Peace

Minister of the Word The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

We Prepare the Table and Share the Gifts of God

The Offertory

While the People's gifts are being gathered, a hymn or anthem may be sung; instrumental music is also appropriate.

During this gathering, the Minister of Reserved Sacrament reverently places the consecrated Sacrament on the Altar. Some parishes may wish to have a procession with candles to retrieve the communion elements from the Reserved Sacrament. The consecrated Sacrament should be placed on top of a corporal that is situated on one of the front corners of the altar, or on the front of the altar in the middle but not at the central location at the back of the altar. The Minister of Reserved Sacrament **is not to go behind the Altar**, but speaks and administers instead from the side or the front.

The Prayer of Remembrance

Minister of Reserved Sacrament God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Minister of Reserved Sacrament Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is then said, the Minister of Reserved Sacrament first saying,

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

We Share the Gifts of God

The Ministration of Communion

Immediately following the Lord's Prayer and omitting the breaking of the Bread, the Minister of Reserved Sacrament, assisted by a licensed Eucharistic Minister, proceeds with the Ministration of Communion, first saying, "The Gifts of God for the People of God."

A communion or postcommunion hymn may be sung.

After the Ministration of Communion, the following prayer is said:

Postcommunion Prayer

Minister of Reserved Sacrament Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

People

Amen.

Grace and Dismissal

Minister of Reserved Sacrament May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Deacon (if present)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may precede any of the dismissals. The People respond "Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia."

A closing or departing hymn also may be sung.