

Holy Communion Form 2

4th January 2026

HYMN: Light of the world (T&P 86)

The Gathering of God's People

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Collect for Purity

Let us pray

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

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two
commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your
laws in our hearts.**

The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as: God so
loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from
our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved
to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace:

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in
thought and word and deed, and in what we have left
undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For
the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to
the glory of your name. Amen.**

The presiding minister pronounces the absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly

repent, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver
us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us
in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 COLLECT

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: Help us to walk in this light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

EPISTLE READING : Exodus 1:1-21

HYMN: What a friend we have in Jesus (627)

GOSPEL READING : Matthew 2:13-18

THE SERMON :

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**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 of 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 of the Holy Spirit of 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 THE PEOPLE:

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN: Guide me oh thou great jehovah (647)

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD 'S TABLE

How can I repay the Lord for all the benefits
he has given to me? I will lift up the cup of
salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I
will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence
of all his people.

Please Stand

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

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.

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your
goodness and your love.

When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and,
with love stronger than death, he made the
perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the
night before you died you came to table
with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying ,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are
the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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 in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are
the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

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

Holy Spirit, giver of life,

come upon us now;

may this bread and wine be to us

the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us,
who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our
risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:

with your whole Church throughout the world

we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise

and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,

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.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken
away the sins of the world. Happy are those who

are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say
the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion is distributed

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Silence

All say

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Blessing

HYMN : I Stand Amazed (T&P 57)

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