

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours 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.
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.

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace

Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

The priest may say a prayer followed by,

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
for your call to us to be with you. We stand
before you in the desert, the place of conflict,
and we face our doubts, our fears, our anger
and hurts. We also discover you afresh in this
place where there is nowhere to hide and we
meet you face to face. Help us to hear in the
silence, the heartbeat of Christ's love and the
whisper of the Father's voice, and make us
able to receive your healing Spirit. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Greeting and Preparation

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Almighty God,
in this barren and exposed place,
in the nothingness, we are exposed to you,
our thoughts, feeling, desires, and hearts are
open before you,
and none of our 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.

The Kyries

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

The Collect is said and all respond, Amen.

Bible Readings

Deut 4: 32-40; Acts 8: 26-38
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading when announced,
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 5:12-16
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end,
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

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

Confession

After the introduction, we join to say,

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. Too often we find ourselves far from you. We acknowledge that we are slow and unwilling to listen and find ourselves easily distracted. Here in this desert place we stand before you in the emptiness where our human frailty is clear. Come to us in the stillness of this place. In your mercy forgive us and help us to be more open to you and to those around us. Amen.

The Absolution is said by the priest, after which all stand.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

This desert place is a symbol of our standing in your sight. We are laid bare before you, everything stripped away. In the silence and solitude, we come before you in retreat from the noise and busyness of our lives in order to find quietude for our spirits. In the stillness and quiet hear the prayer of our hearts and help us to simply receive from you our Lord and Saviour.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, in this desert place of quiet, silent retreat, receive our prayers and renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise: