

We're glad you're here  
at Holy Spirit!

# Holy Communion





# Prelude and Processional Hymn

*In most seasons we begin with the salutation (not Easter or Lent):*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*\*In place of the above, from **Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:***

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*\*In **Lent** and on other penitential occasions:*

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People:** **His mercy endures for ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 gloria is used at times other than Advent and Lent.**

**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.**

In Advent or Lent one of the following is used:

**The Kyrie,**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**The Trisagion**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,  
**Grant us your peace.**

## The Lessons

The readings end with "The Word of the Lord."

The People Respond, "**Thanks be to God.**"

**The Old Testament**

**The Psalm** *(said responsively)*

**The Epistle**

**The Sequence**

**The Gospel** *Please stand if able.*

*The gospel is announced, the people respond:*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The gospel ends, the people respond:*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *... is the beginning of our response, along with the creed and prayers, to hearing God's word. We strive not to be hearers of the Word only, but doers as well.*

# The Nicene Creed

**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 worshipped  
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.***

# The Prayers of the People

*Our prayers of the people are found in "Hear our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary" written by one of our priests, the Rev. Lisa Graves with the Rev. Jon White. Published by Church Publishing Corporation 2024.*

The Intercessor prays on our behalf, ending each petition with "Lord in your mercy," **to which the people add "Hear our Prayer.**

We end each week's prayers with the following :

- We pray for those seeking prayer for any reason, but especially for the sick and seeking: (names added here).
- Protect, O Lord, those in harm's way, especially those who serve in the armed forces and as first responders, (especially: names).
- Bless our ministries, our growth and the organizations that meet in our space. Bless our sister church and send to us those who are seeking community and connection with you.
- Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our Neighbor:

**Most merciful God, we confess that  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
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 delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

## The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and a sacrifice to God.

*The offering or collection plate is passed for financial offerings which are  
used to support the mission, ministry and operations of your church.*

***Thank you for your generosity!***

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord,  
**People: And of thy own have we given thee.**

## The Holy Communion

*Every person is welcome at the communion rail for blessing or sacrament.  
We are glad you're here!*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



***Celebrant and People:***  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

**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***

# The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The bread and wine are given to the people, who may respond: "Amen."*

## **You are welcome at the communion rail!**

All baptized Christians, from any faith background, age or marital status are welcome to receive Communion here at the Lord's table.

Those not baptized or not wishing to take communion are invited to come forward for a blessing from the Celebrant. To do so, simply come forward with the rest of your pew, then simply cross your arms over your chest and the Celebrant will know to give you a blessing instead of the bread when communion is given.

To take communion, place your right hand over your left and extend it to the priest. Leave your wafer in your hand to instinct (dip) into the wine chalice. You may also choose to only take the bread, and not the wine.

We are also happy to talk with you about baptism!

# The Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God,  
heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament  
of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now  
Into the world in peace,  
and grant us  
strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness  
and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Announcements

The Benediction

Recessional Hymn

The Dismissal

*The congregation is dismissed.*

*The People respond to the dismissal: Thanks be to God!*

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