

The Minister may say:

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn – please stand

Please sit or kneel

All **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.**

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

So, let us confess our sins in repentance and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with everyone.

Silence may be kept

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
and in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and spoilt your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of your light. Amen.**

The Minister says:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon 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.

All **Amen.**

Please stand to sing or say:

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Minister says:

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

Many other church activities take place during the week - please see the Magazine for further details, or ask the Minister

All **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.**

Hymn – please stand

Please sit or kneel

*After every Communion service we have a time of prayer.
So if you would like prayer for yourself, or for someone
else, then do come and sit at the front and someone will
pray with you in confidence.*

*If you do not wish to stay for prayer, please leave this time
for others and make your way into the Hall for
refreshments.*

Please remain sitting or kneeling for the blessing

**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 (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 Minister says the prayer for the day

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the Bible readings

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – please stand

Please sit for the Sermon

The Creed – please stand

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his son, Jesus Christ?

All **I believe and trust in Jesus Christ,
his only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Please sit or kneel for the prayers

**So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of heaven,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

At Communion the following may be said:

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*At St. Mark's we have an open table, and anyone who
loves and serves the Lord is welcome to come and share
the bread and wine with us. We have non-alcoholic wine;
please ask the server if you would prefer this.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than bread and
wine, please keep your hands by your side.*

*While others are receiving Communion, please feel free
either to join in with the singing or to remain in an attitude of
prayer.*

After Communion silence may be kept

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
All **We proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes again.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

All **Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs
from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.**

At the end, the person praying may say:

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

The Peace – please stand

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.
All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

The Offering may be presented. We give thanks by saying:

All **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.**

Please sit or kneel

The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be praise and glory for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo
the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech,
so that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to praise you, saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it them, saying:
Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you 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, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**