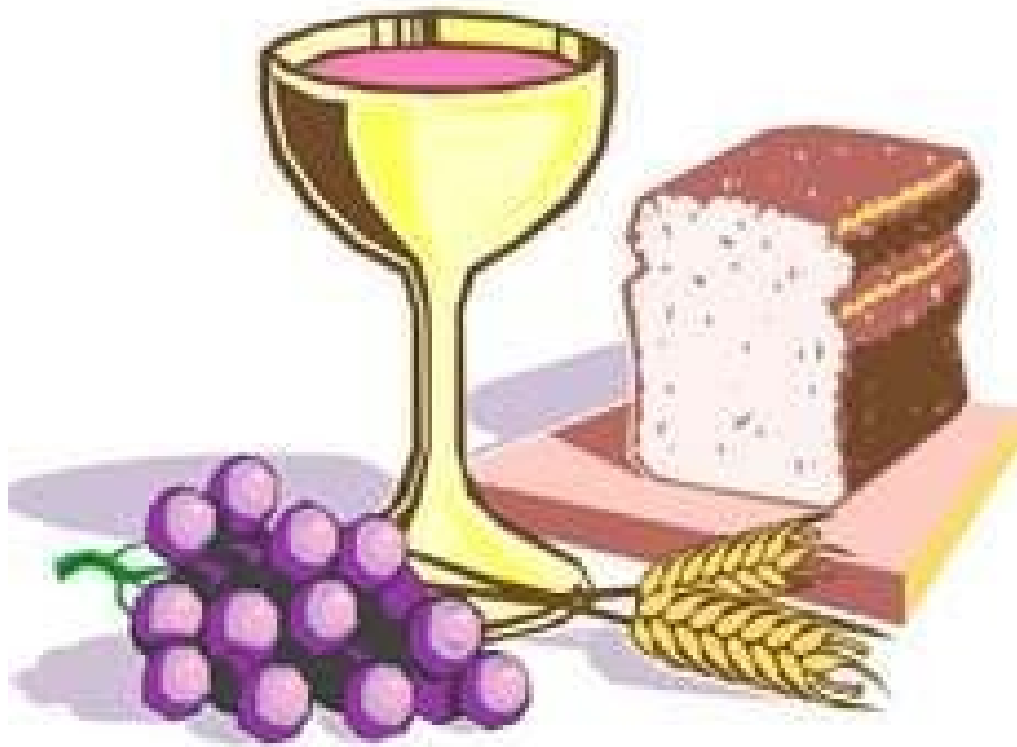


**An order for**



**Holy Communion**

# The Lord's Supper: an ecumenical pattern

## *Invitation to the Table*

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may,  
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.  
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,  
but because you need mercy and help.  
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.  
Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.  
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

## *Confession*

*There may follow a prayer of confession, if one has not been offered earlier, or a prayer of preparation, such as*

**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.**

## *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.**

## *Institution*

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 our thanks and praise.**

The apostle Paul tells us of the institution of the Lord's Supper:  
*1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

## *Thanksgiving*

Eternal God,  
we praise you

for your creation of the world  
in all its richness and glory;  
for your great work of redemption  
in liberating the oppressed,  
renewing the weary and forgiving the sinful;  
for your calling of men and women to share in the work of salvation  
in the story of Israel and our story.

And now we give you thanks  
for Jesus Christ our Lord,  
your word of love made flesh,  
who shared our humanity  
and revealed your grace.

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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you  
for his lifting up of the lowly,  
his healing of the broken  
and his death on the cross  
for the redemption of the world,  
of which this bread and cup are sign and symbol.

We thank you for raising him to life  
and exalting him  
so that we might call him 'Lord',  
and follow in his way.

We thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
for the fellowship of your church,  
and for all the means of grace and hope of glory.

Living God, fill us with your Spirit,  
that, as we share this bread and wine,  
we might feed on the body and blood of Christ  
and be empowered for witness and service in your world.

Accept our prayers and thanksgiving  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the light of the world  
and the life of your people. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer may be said here.***

**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.  
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 distribution***

The gifts of God for the people of God

*Please come forward to the platform where you will be served.*

*If there is no space at the platform, please wait in a queue in the aisle.*

### ***Acclamation***

Your death, O Lord, we commemorate.

Your resurrection we confess.

Your final coming we await.

Glory be to you, O Christ.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### ***Prayer after the Communion***

**God of grace,**

**you have called us to be your disciple people  
and gathered us to your table.**

**Here we have tasted the bread of heaven  
and shared the new wine of your kingdom.**

**Empower us by your Spirit  
that we may be a gospel people:**

**good news for all the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Words of Commissioning, Dismissal and Blessing***

Let us go into God's world  
as disciples of Jesus Christ  
and messengers of the gospel.

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all. Amen**