

Holy Communion

14th Sunday after Trinity

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

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

Preparation

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

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

**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.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend
what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you,
our God.
Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all
who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you
from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**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.**

The Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading

Romans 14:1-12

14¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them

stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel **Matthew 18:21-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred

denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

At the end

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

Sermon

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son
and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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.
The peace of the Lord be
always with you
and also with you.

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 president takes the bread
and wine.*

Eucharistic Prayer

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
thanks and praise.**

It is always right
to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe.
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son
to live among us,
Jesus, our Saviour,
Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us
from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and fill us with power
from on high.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father,
on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal
with his friends.

He took the bread,
and thanked you.
He broke it,
and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal,
Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you,
and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood;
the new promise of God's
unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Father,
as we bring this bread and wine
and remember his death
and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body
and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing
of the earth,
and share the good news
of Jesus.
As we wait for his
coming in glory.

For honour and praise
belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son,
and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us,
so we pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as
the bread is broken*

**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

*The president says one of these
invitations to communion*

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which
he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that
he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people
receive communion.
Authorized words of distribution
are used and the communicant
replies*

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All may say one of these prayers

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with 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.**

Hymn:

Dismissal

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.

Amen.

A minister says

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