

Holy Communion
according to the Book
of Common Prayer
and the service of
Ante Communion



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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
BIRMINGHAM

The Lord's Prayer *(said by the priest quietly)*

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,**
unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Summary of
the Law**

**or The Ten
Commandments**

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Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Collect for the King

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant *Charles, our King* and Governor, that he (knowing whose minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and all his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Or

Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of Kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom: we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of *Charles* thy Servant, our *King* and Governor, that, in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

The priest says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day.

The Collect and Readings may be found in the blue prayer book.

Old Testament Lesson or Epistle

The reader says

The Lesson/Epistle is written in the ... chapter of ...
beginning at the ... verse.

At the end

Here endeth the Lesson.

Gospel *(we stand if able for the Gospel reading)*

The holy Gospel is written in the ... chapter of the
Gospel according to Saint ... , beginning at the ... verse.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

All **I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offertory (*one of these sentences is said*)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

All things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee.

1 Chronicles 29.14

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

Matthew 6.19

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

1 John 3.17

(The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.)

The priest places the bread and wine upon the table.

Intercession

Brief biddings may be given

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully [to accept our alms and oblations, and] to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty;

beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant *Charles our King*,

that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, (meekly kneeling upon your knees.)

Confession

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution *if a priest is not present the 'us' form is used*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon *you (us)*; pardon and deliver *you (us)* from all *your (our)* sins; confirm and strengthen *you (us)* in all goodness; and bring *you (us)* to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith: If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1,2*

If a priest is not present we turn to page 16

Preface

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Note: on Trinity Sunday

“Holy Father” is omitted

(on certain feast days a Proper Preface is inserted at this point – see page 22)

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.**

Prayer of Humble Access

**All We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.**

The Prayer of Consecration

The priest, standing at the table, says the Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

(Here the priest is to take the paten.)

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

(Here the priest shall break the bread.)

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

(Here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread.)

this is my body which is given for you:

do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;

(Here the priest is to take the cup.)

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this;

*(Here the priest is to lay a hand on every vessel
in which there is wine to be consecrated.)*

for this is my blood of the new testament,

which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins:

do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gaveth for thee,

and his blood which he sheddeth for thee.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for thee,

and feed on him in thy hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

If you are a baptised member of a Christian Church, you are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this service. If you are not a communicant but wish to ask God's blessing, please place an arm across your chest to indicate this.

Giving of Communion

The priest and people receive communion.

The Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And 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.**

Prayer after Communion

O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants entirely
desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our
sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving; most humbly
beseeching thee to grant, that by
the merits and death of thy Son

Or

Almighty and ever-living God, we
most heartily thank thee, for that
thou dost vouchsafe to feed us,
who have duly received these
holy mysteries, with the spiritual
food of the most precious body

Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.

Amen.

and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *(omitted in Lent and Advent)*

All Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

**O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

If a priest is not present we continue here
(from page 10)

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded us and taught us,
we are bold to say:

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And 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.**

Some of the following prayers are said by the minister

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name, We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis *page 18*

or in Advent – The Benedictus, page 18

in Lent – Saviour of the World, page 19

**All Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

During Advent : The Benedictus

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath
visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in
the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies : and
from the hand of all that hate us.**

**To perform the mercy promised to our
forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our
forefather Abraham : that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our
enemies : might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the
days of our life.**

**And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the
Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the
Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby
the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in
the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into
the way of peace.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

During Lent : Saviour of the world

**Jesus, Saviour of the world,
come to us in thy mercy:
we look to thee to save and help us.**

**By thy cross and thy life laid down,
you set thy people free:
we look to thee to save and help us.**

When they were ready to perish, you saved thy disciples: we look to thee to come to our help.

In the greatness of thy mercy, loose us from our chains, forgive the sins of all thy people.

**Make thyself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer;
save and help us that we may praise thee.**

**Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:
hear our prayer and be with us always.**

**And when you come in thy glory:
make us to be one with thee
and to share the life of thy kingdom.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

The minister says:

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

The Ten Commandments

God spake these words and said:

I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image,
nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above,
or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them:
for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God,
and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children
unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,
and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me
and keep my commandments.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for
the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do;
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

In it thou shalt do no manner of work,
thou, and thy son, and thy daughter,
thy manservant, and thy maidservant,
thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates.

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:
wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honour thy father and thy mother;
that thy days may be long in the land
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,
thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant,
nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we
beseech thee.**

Proper Prefaces

Upon Christmas-day, and seven days after.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born
as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy
Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin
Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us
clean from all sin.

Upon Easter-day, and seven days after.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very paschal lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Upon Ascension-day, and seven days after.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to all his apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Upon Whit-Sunday, and six days after.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it might have been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Upon the Feast of Trinity only

Who art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality.

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