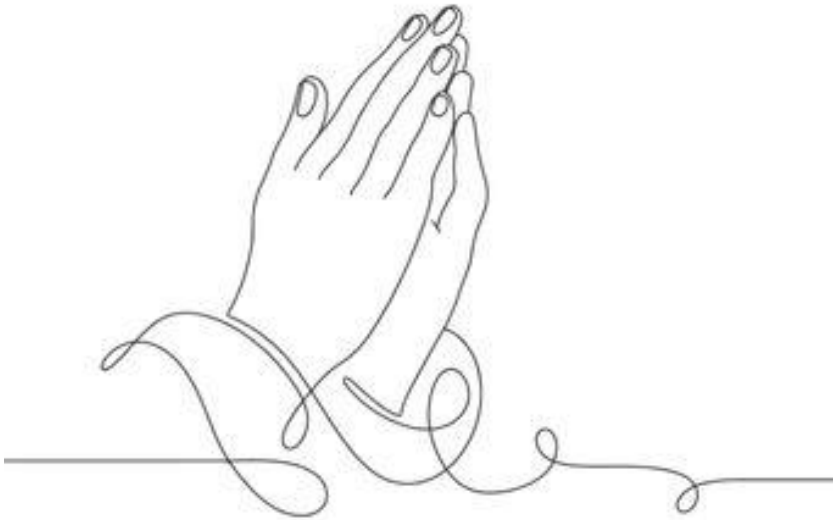


**The Eucharist  
of the  
Commemoration  
of the  
Faithful Departed  
(All Souls' Day)**



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## **The Gathering**

*At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung.*

*The president may say:*

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.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and mission, and confess them before God our Father.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred 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 light. Amen.**

*The president proclaims absolution:*

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.**

### ***The Collect***

Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church.

*Silence is kept.*

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***The Liturgy of the Word***

#### ***Readings***

*Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-5, 9*

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the

sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Romans 5: 5-11*

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gospel Reading***

*John 6: 37-44*

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord, 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day.'

*cf John 6.39*

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ***Sermon***

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things: grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord,

**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world, you gave the man born blind the gift of sight: open the eye of faith and bring us from darkness to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord,

**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God, you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life: raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord,

**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour, in your dying you entrusted each to the other, Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple: sustain and comfort all who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life, you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith: reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

### ***The Peace***

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### ***Preparation of the Table***

#### ***Taking of the Bread and Wine***

*A hymn may be sung.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*This prayer may be said*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.  
**Amen.**

## ***The 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 meet and right so to do.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, giver of life and conqueror of death. By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth into a living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and archangels, with all your faithful people, evermore 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.**

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, born of Mary, 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 to 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ  
**Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**Rising you restored our life;**  
**Lord Jesus, come in Glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.



As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with [*N, N and the Blessed Virgin Mary and*] all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### ***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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:

if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.  
**Lord, give us this bread always.**

*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 this or another invitation to communion*

‘I am the bread of life,’ says the Lord; ‘whoever comes to me will never hunger; whoever believes in me will never thirst.’

‘I am the vine: you are the branches.’

**May we dwell in him as he lives in us.**

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

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

### ***The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed***

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.  
**For you have created all things,**  
**and by your will they have their being.**

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you  
ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.  
**You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our**  
**God, and they will reign with you on earth.**

*The names of those to be remembered may be read aloud. Silence may be kept after each name, or group of names, or after all the names have been read.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this eucharist bring us, with all the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

**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.**

*A hymn may be sung.*

## **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart.*