

These words will guide our worship. We will say everything written in normal type. The few sentences reserved for the minister are written in italics.

OPENING WORDS (ALL)

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

As God's children, the church,
let us hear God's word,
and offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Let us lift up his name in the presence of his
people.

For God is gracious and merciful,
full of compassion and love.

While we were still helpless, he came to save us.

READING – THE LAST SUPPER – MATTHEW 26:17-
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CONFESSION (ALL)

Most merciful God, who so loved the world
that you did not withhold
even your only Son, Jesus Christ,
to save us from our sins,
be our advocate in heaven
and to bring us to eternal life,
we confess that in negligence, weakness
and at times in malice,
we have neither loved you
nor our neighbour as He did.

We are truly sorry and turn from our sins.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that, indwelt by your Spirit,
we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

*[In the following, the congregation divides into two
groups, A and B, speaking to each other.]*

A: Let us lift our hearts to the Lord:

B: We give you thanks, holy Father, heavenly
king, almighty and eternal God, for Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord.

A: To you be glory and praise for ever.

B: For he is your living Word: through him you
have created all things from the beginning, and
formed us in your own image.

A: To you be glory and praise for ever.

B: Through him you have freed us from the
slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a
woman and to die upon the cross;

you raised him from the dead and exalted him
to your right hand on high.

A: To you be glory and praise for ever.

B: Through him you have sent upon us your holy
and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people
for your own possession.

A: To you be glory and praise for ever.

B: 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:

All: 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (SAID BY THE MINISTER)

*Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his
command, grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his
body and blood;*

*who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took
bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it
to his disciples saying: Take eat; this is my body
which is given for you do this in remembrance of
me.*

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

*In the same way, after supper he took the cup and
gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:*

*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: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Draw near with faith.

*Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you.*

*Eat and drink in remembrance
that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.*

[We share the Lord's Supper.]

READING – JESUS PREDICTS PETER’S DENIAL –
MATTHEW 26:30-35

THE APOSTLES CREED (ALL)

We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

READING – THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE –
MATTHEW 26:36-45

*[We keep silence and consider the things we have
heard.]*

READING – JESUS IS ARRESTED – MATTHEW
26:46-56

PRAYER (ALL)

Jesus,
You rebuked your disciples,
And so we pray for faithfulness and unity
in your church.
You called for peace in your darkest hour.
May those who suffer or inflict violence
know peace in their lives and hearts.
You put your trust in the promises of your Father.
May those without faith in you
see the light of your salvation.
You confronted injustice and hypocrisy.
May those who oppress others
be humbled and brought low.
You suffered for our salvation.

May we, by your grace,
faithfully follow the way of the cross,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

READING – JESUS IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE
SANHEDRIN – MATTHEW 26:57-68

HYMN (ALL)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see –
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with
me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the
skies;

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

READING – PETER’S DENIAL – MATTHEW 26:69-
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CLOSING WORDS (ALL)

Let us go sorrowfully into the night.
And may the peace of God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be with us now and always. Amen

[Please leave the room silently]