

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.

[Before the meal begins, a reading from Scripture and sermon may be given.]

OPENING WORDS (ALL)

The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains:
The heavens declare the glory of God;
And we exhibit his likeness,
 though marred by our misdeeds.

In the waters of baptism we are shown
 that we have died with Christ
 and are reborn by the Holy Spirit,
 to live now in the hope and joy
 of the resurrection.

United with Christ our Saviour, the Son of God,
 we form his body the Church,
 and now approach our Father in heaven as
 his children.

We offer ourselves with all our frailties,
 to be transformed by his word,
 to pray for his world
 and to witness to all of the goodness of
 our creator and redeemer.

Let us worship God.

HYMN

[While the hymn is sung, the meal is served.]

GRACE (ALL)

Our Father in heaven,
 for your creatures
 you bring forth food from the earth,
 for your goodness to all, we thank you.

And for the gift of your son,
 the bread of life come down from heaven,
 we worship you.

We live now by the gift of your Spirit,
 and so now may we know together
 the unity and peace that
 is ours for eternity in Christ.

Direct our hearts, we ask,
 that we would welcome all to this table,
 enjoying and sharing your good gifts
 of food, drink and fellowship,
 a sign for the world of the banquet
 that awaits in your coming kingdom.

Amen.

[The meal is begun.]

SCRIPTURE READING

[After each reading, the reader will say: 'This is the Word of the Lord'. Together, we respond: 'Thanks be to God.']

[The meal continues.]

THANKSGIVING

[The bread and wine for communion will be set out. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL)

Let us pray.

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 debts, as we forgive our
debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (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.*

*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.*

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 in the Lord's Supper.]

PRAYERS (ALL)

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, he sits at the
right hand of the Father, while present to us by
the Holy Spirit, ready to intercede on our behalf.

As God's children let us then approach the throne
of grace with confidence, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help us in our time of
need.

*[Matters for prayer are written down and
collected. The leader invites the community to
pray silently for each topic: 'Let us pray for ...'*

*At the conclusion of each period of prayer, the
leader says. 'Lord, in your mercy'. In response,
all say, 'Hear our Prayer.']*

CONCLUDING PRAYER (ALL)

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

OFFERING (ALL)

[The offering is taken, after which all say:]

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by whom we are
created, sustained and redeemed, you call us to
direct our lives in the paths of Christ. Use these
gifts we ask in the service of your kingdom.
Amen.

HYMN

BENEDICTION (ALL)

Around this table, we have met
in the presence of the risen Christ.
In him we form one body.
Together may we continue to be
a witness to all that he is
in his faithfulness, wisdom and salvation.
And may we leave here now at peace, in the
knowledge that no trouble, hardship,
persecution or famine shall separate us
from the love of Christ.

[Teas and coffees are refilled.]