

Order of Service
Liturgy of the Word
(and Holy Communion)
for use in homes

For use in homes during the Covid-19 crisis.

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Order of Service in the Absence of an Ordained Priest.

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Part 1: Introduction and Word

If Holy Communion is to be received, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on a suitably prepared table with one or two candles as possible. Where possible it is good to place also a crucifix, cross, icon or other suitable image of the Lord Jesus.

Singing or listening to a gathering hymn is recommended.

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

All Amen.

L Let us praise God who gathers us as one.

Psalm 113(112):1-3

L Praise, O servants of the Lord,

All praise the name of the Lord!

L Blessed be the name of the Lord,

All both now and for evermore!

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

All praised be the name of the Lord!

L Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer; then the leader prays the Collect of the day from the Missal, if suitable, or another (see pages 9–10), or this:

L Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love,
through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

All or some of the readings appointed for the day are read, as best suits those gathered. Whoever reads the Gospel introduces it in this way:

R Let us listen to a reading from the holy Gospel according to **N**.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

R The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

A period of silence is useful to allow all to meditate on God's Word, followed by a discussion on the readings.

Then, if you are unable to have Holy Communion, please continue on the next page.

If Holy Communion is to be received, please continue on page 6.

Part 2: without Communion

Act of Thanksgiving (Hymn of Praise)

A hymn of praise is now sung or said: see possibilities pages 14–17, but other hymns of praise to God that the family may know may be chosen instead.

Profession of Faith (Sundays and Solemnities)

L In union with the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful, the Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace

Petitions may be provided by the parish or petitions may be made by family members, or the Litany of Saints may be used instead (see on page 12). Omit any concluding prayer from the prepared petitions; the Lord's Prayer concludes the Prayer of the Faithful.

L At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

- All** 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.
- L** Give us grace, Lord, to forgive others
with the same mercy you have shown us
so that we may remain united
as a sign of your love in the world
as we await the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
- L** Let us seal our prayer with a gesture of unity and peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Conclusion

- L** May God the Father fill us with the joy of true faith.
May the peace of Christ overflow in our hearts.
May the Holy Spirit deepen our desire for service,
now and for ever.
- All** Amen.
- L** May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- All** Amen.
- L** Let us go our ways in peace.
- All** Thanks be to God.

Part 2: with Holy Communion

Profession of Faith (on Sundays and Solemnities)

- L** In union with the whole Church, let us profess our faith.
- All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful and Sign of Peace

Petitions may be provided by the parish or petitions may be made by family members, or the Litany of Saints may be used instead (see on page 12). The prayer concludes with this prayer that leads into the Sign of Peace.

- L** O God, whose Son promised to those gathered in his name
that he would be there in their midst,
grant that we may be aware of his presence among us
and experience in our hearts an abundance
of grace, mercy and peace,
through him who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
- All** Amen.

- L** Let us seal our prayer with a gesture of unity and peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Rite of reception of Holy Communion

- L** Let us ask forgiveness with confidence,
for God is full of gentleness and compassion.
- All** I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brother(s) and sister(s),
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brother(s) and sister(s),
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
- L** May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
- All** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- L** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:
- All** 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.
- L** Lord Jesus, give us this day the Bread from heaven,
that we may remain and live in you, whose members we are,
in union with our brothers and sisters throughout the world
awaiting the fullness of the banquet of heaven.
- All** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

Communion

The leader holds a particle of the Blessed Sacrament and says:

L Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion is then distributed.

Hymn of Praise (Act of Thanksgiving)

After a period of silent prayer, a hymn of praise is sung or said: see pages 14–17, or another one the family knows.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, then the following prayer (or another on page 11) is said:

L Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart,
through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Conclusion

L May God the Father fill us with the joy of true faith.
May the peace of Christ overflow in our hearts.
May the Holy Spirit deepen our desire for service,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

L May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

L Let us go our ways in peace.

All Thanks be to God.

Appendix

Collects

Collects during Lent

- 1 Convert us, O God our Saviour,
and instruct our minds by heavenly teaching,
that we may benefit from the works of Lent,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

- 2 Look kindly, Lord, we pray, on the devotion of your people,
that those who by self-denial are restrained in body
may by the fruit of good works be renewed in mind,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

- 3 Turn our hearts to you, eternal Father, and grant that,
seeking always the one thing necessary
and carrying out works of charity,
we may be dedicated to your worship,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Collects during Easter time

- 1 Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
- 2 Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, celebrating the mysteries of the Lord's Resurrection,
we may merit to receive the joy of our redemption,
through him who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
- 3 Grant, almighty and merciful God,
that we may in truth receive a share
in the Resurrection of Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Collects during Ordinary Time

- 1 Grant, we pray, almighty and merciful God,
that the Holy Spirit,
 coming near and dwelling graciously within us,
may make of us a perfect temple of his glory,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

- 2 Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
- 3 Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayers after Communion

- 1 Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
- 2 What passed our lips as food, O Lord,
may we possess in purity of heart,
that what has been given to us in time
may be our healing for eternity,
through Christ our Lord.

- 3 Renewed with the Bread of the heavenly table
we entreat you, O Lord,
that, through this Sacrament of charity,
the seeds you sow with great abundance
in the field of your Church may come to maturity,
so that many may make it their choice in life
to serve you in their brothers and sisters,
through Christ our Lord.
- 4 Grant us, O merciful God,
that the holy gifts we have received
may confirm us in our resolve to do your will
and make us everywhere witnesses to your truth,
through Christ our Lord.

Litany of Saints

℣. Lord, have mercy.

℣. Christ, have mercy.

℣. Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

St Michael and all Angels,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

Saints Peter and Paul,

St John the Evangelist,

Saint James,

St Andrew

St Stephen,

℞. Lord, have mercy.

℞. Christ, have mercy.

℞. Lord, have mercy.

℞. pray for us.

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St Christopher and all martyrs,	℞. pray for us.
St Monica,	℞. pray for us.
St Augustine,	℞. pray for us.
St Thomas of Villanova,	℞. pray for us.
St Nicholas of Tolentino,	℞. pray for us.
St Clare of Montefalco,	℞. pray for us.
St Rita of Cascia,	℞. pray for us.
St Patrick,	℞. pray for us.
St Anthony of Padua,	℞. pray for us.
St Francis Xavier,	℞. pray for us.
St Therese/Teresa (of the Child Jesus),	℞. pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross [Mackillop],	℞. pray for us.
All holy men and women,	℞. pray for us.

Be merciful to us sinners. ℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Preserve Pope Francis, and bishop James as faithful shepherds.

℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bring all believers to unity in Christ.

℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Keep us safe from all danger. ℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bestow on all people true peace and concord.

℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Grant eternal rest to all your faithful departed.

℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God. ℞. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us.

℞. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

℞. Christ, graciously hear us.

Hymns of Praise

Praise of the Creatures

St Francis of Assisi, composed 1224-1226

Most High, all-powerful good Lord,
yours are the praise, the glory and the honour,
and every blessing.

To you alone, Most High, they belong,
and no one here is worthy to utter your name.

Praised be you, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially lordly brother Sun,
who is the day, and by whom you illuminate us,
who is beautiful and radiant in great splendour!
Of you, Most High, he bears a likeness.

Praised be you, my Lord, through sister Moon and the Stars;
in the heavens you formed them,
bright and precious and beautiful.

Praised be you, my Lord, through brother Wind,
and through the Air, both cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather
by which you give sustenance to your creatures.

Praised be you, my Lord, through sister Water,
who is most useful and humble
and precious and pure.

Praised be you, my Lord, through brother Fire,
by whom you illuminate the night,
and who is beautiful and playful, and robust and strong.

Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister, mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us,
and who brings forth varied fruits
with coloured flowers, and plants.

Praised be you, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for love of you
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace,
for by you, Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister, corporal Death,
from whom no one living can escape.
Alas to those who die in mortal sin;
blessed are those whom Death shall find in your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

All Creatures, praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks,
and serve the Lord with great humility.

Te Deum

We praise you, O God: we acclaim you as Lord.

Everlasting Father, all the world bows down before you.

All the angels sing your praise,

the hosts of heaven and all the angelic powers,

all the cherubim and seraphim call out to you in unending song:

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of angel hosts!

The heavens and the earth are filled with your majesty and glory.

The glorious band of apostles, the noble company of prophets,

the white-robed army who shed their blood for Christ,

all sing your praise.

And to the ends of the earth

your holy Church proclaims her faith in you:

Father, whose majesty is boundless,

your true and only Son, who is to be adored,

the Holy Spirit sent to be our Advocate.

You, O Christ, are the king of glory, Son of the eternal Father.

When you took our nature to save mankind

you did not shrink from birth in the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the power of death

opening the Father's kingdom to all who believe in you.

Enthroned at God's right hand in the glory of the Father,

you will come in judgement according to your promise.

You redeemed your people by your precious blood.

Come, we implore you, to our aid.

Grant us with the saints a place in eternal glory.

Gloria

For use in Easter time.

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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.

A prayer for this time of crisis

Written by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Brisbane.

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.