

H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

Book of Common Prayer 1662 in Modern English

All join in the Lords's Prayer -

OUR FATHER who 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

The Minister then prays the Collect for purity -

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our thoughts are open to you, our desires and secrets known: let your Holy Spirit so cleanse and purify our minds and hearts, that our love for you may be perfect, and our lives may worthily glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister - Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "The most important commandment is this: 'The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

People - **Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your commands on our hearts, we humbly ask you.**

Minister - Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, your holy Word teaches us that earthly rulers are under your power and authority, and you order their actions and decisions according to your divine wisdom. We humbly ask you, so to govern the heart and mind of

Charles, your servant our King, and all in authority under him, that in all things he may seek your honour and glory; and may so use the authority you have entrusted to him, to preserve our nation in wealth, peace and godliness. Grant this, merciful Father, for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Minister will pray the Collect for the Day.

The Epistle shall be read, followed by the Gospel.

SERMON

The Minister will lead the people in saying the Creed -

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 Gods, 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 sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds 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 Worldwide 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.

Minister: Let us pray for the whole of Christ's church here on earth.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who has taught us in the Bible to pray and intercede, and to give thanks for all people: We humbly ask you to receive our prayers which we bring before your Divine Majesty; Humbly asking you to continually inspire your Church with your truth, and keep it in true unity and peace: granting that all those who have faith in your holy Name may agree in the truth of the Scriptures and live in unity and godly love. We humbly ask you to save and defend all Christian Kings and Rulers, and specially your servant CHARLES our King; that our country may be governed in godliness and peace: to this end grant to all those who govern and have authority in our nation, that they may order all things in truth and justice, so that wickedness may be eliminated, and true religion and virtue may flourish. Heavenly Father we ask you to give your grace to all Bishops and Clergy, that they may in their living and teaching truly make known your truth in the Bible, and rightly lead the worship of your people: and to all your believing people, and specially to this congregation, give your grace that they may humbly and with faith receive your holy Word and truly live by it in holiness every day of their lives. And we most humbly ask you to comfort and help all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other suffering. Also we thank you for all those who have died trusting in you and living for your glory, humbly asking that we may follow their good examples, and so also enter your heavenly glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, our mediator and Saviour. **Amen.**

The Minister shall say -

YOU who are truly and sincerely sorry for your sins, and have only love in your heart for others, and desire to live a holy life

according to God's law; draw near with faith, and take this Holy Communion for your comfort; making your humble confession to Almighty God, as you humbly sit in His presence.

The Minister shall lead the people in this General Confession -

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator, and judge of all people: we confess, with deep sorrow, our many sins and evil ways, which we continually commit, by thought, word, and action, against your divine majesty, most justly provoking your anger and indignation against us. We are deeply sorry. Our guilt is heavy on our conscience. We remember our sins with anguish of heart. Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, most merciful Father; and for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive all that is past. Grant that in the future we may serve and please you, and live to your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister shall say -

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who come to him with true repentance and sincere faith; have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; grant you grace and strength to be holy; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the comforting words Jesus declares to all who truly turn to him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

St. Matthew 11:28.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

St. John 3:16.

Also hear what the Apostle Paul says.

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Timothy 1:15.

Also hear what the Apostle John says.

"If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the father in our defence - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the one who turns God's just anger away from us."

John 2:1,2.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Give thanks to our Lord God.

People: **It is right and proper to do so.**

The Minister then says -

It is right and our obligation, at all times and in all places, to give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all who dwell in heaven, we praise and glorify your great name, always saying;

Minister and people together -

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of heaven and earth, whose glory fills the universe; Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen.

The Minister and People join in the Prayer of humble access -

WE do not presume to come to your Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your inexhaustible and great mercy. We are not worthy to gather the crumbs under your Table. But your nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh and drink the blood of your dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; that our sinful

bodies may be made clean, and our souls washed; and that we may dwell in close and intimate fellowship with him. Amen.

The Minister continues with the prayer of consecration -

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in your tender mercy gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross to redeem us; who made there, by offering himself once and for all, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice and atonement for the sins of the whole world; who instituted, and in his holy Gospel has given us, continual remembrance of his precious death, until he comes again; we humbly ask you to hear us, merciful Father, and grant that as we receive this bread and wine in the way our Saviour Jesus Christ commanded, and in remembrance of his suffering and death, we may truly receive the benefits and blessings of his body crucified for us.

Who, on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, 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 giving thanks, gave it to them saying - "Drink this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which I poured out for you, and for many, so that your sins may be forgiven; do this in remembrance of me.

Amen.

The Reception, the Minister first and then the People -

As the Minister gives the bread he shall say -

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is given for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

As the Minister gives the cup he shall say -

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life: Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

After all have received Communion the Minister and congregation join together in the Lord's Prayer -

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is 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.

The Minister shall pray either this prayer -

O LORD and heavenly Father, we humbly ask you, in your merciful goodness, to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and grant that, through the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his death, we and all your Church, may experience the forgiveness of all our sins, and all the other blessings bestowed through his sacrifice for us. And now, we offer ourselves, souls and bodies, to you as a living sacrifice, which is our spiritual worship; humbly asking that we may be filled with your heavenly blessing and grace. And although we are unworthy because of our constant sinning, to offer any sacrifice to you, we pray that you will receive this our only true service; not treating us according to what we deserve, but according to your infinite mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

or this prayer -

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we give you sincere thanks that you have fed us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and by this you assure us of your favour and goodness to us, and that we are true members of your Church, the body of Christ, the company of all who have faith; and that we are heirs of your everlasting kingdom. We humbly pray, heavenly Father, that you will so assist us with your grace, that we may never leave this holy fellowship, and always do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Then Minister and People shall say together -

GLORY to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You who take away the sins of the world, hear our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; you only, Lord Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The final blessing -

THE peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**