**THE LORD’S SUPPER (ORDER 2A)**

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

1. The service may begin with a song or hymn.

2. The minister reads this or other suitable verses of Scripture

Jesus said, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and all your strength’ This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

*3. The minister then says*

Trusting in God’s mercy and forgiveness, let us confess our sins together

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have gone our own way,  
not loving you as we ought,  
nor loving our neighbour as ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We deserve your condemnation.  
Father, forgive us.  
Help us to love you and our neighbour,  
and to live for your honour and glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. The minister stands and says

In his mercy, almighty God has promised forgiveness  
to all who turn to him in true faith.  
He pardons you and sets you free from all your sins.  
May he strengthen you to do his will,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5. A time of praise may follow with suitable songs, words or prayers.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

6. The prayer for the day may be said.

7. The Bible readings follow, one from the Old Testament and one or two from the New Testament. A psalm may be said and suitable songs may follow any of the readings.

8. The Nicene Creed (or the Apostles’ Creed) is said here or after the sermon, the people standing.

We believe in one God,   
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,   
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,   
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,   
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,   
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation   
he came down from heaven:  
he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit

and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.   
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again   
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven   
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge   
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,   
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son   
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,   
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

9. The sermon is preached.

10. A song or hymn may follow.

THE PRAYERS

11. The minister or other members of the congregation pray for the world, the community, the work of the church, and the needs of individuals, using the forms in Section 3.1 or suitable alternatives.

Individual prayers and thanksgivings may end with this response.

Father, hear our prayer,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the conclusion of the prayers the minister may say

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins   
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours   
 now and for ever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

12. Standing at the table, the minister reads from the following or other suitable Bible passages.

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35)

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

13. The minister, or the minister and people, say

Merciful Lord   
we come here to your table  
trusting not in our goodness but in your measurelessgrace.  
Even though we are not worthy   
to eat the crumbs from under your table,   
you are always rich in mercy.  
Gracious Lord,   
enable us by faith in Jesus Christ  
to eat his flesh and drink his blood,  
so that we may be cleansed and forever dwell in him,   
and he in us. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

14. A song about the saving death of Jesus or about the Lord’s Supper may be sung.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Yes! he is worthy of our praise.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,

to receive glory and honour and power,

for you created all things

and by your will they existed and were created.

Therefore we lift our voices to praise you, saying

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

who was, and is, and is to come.

We praise you especially for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by his death on the cross   
offered once and for all time,  
the one true sacrifice for sin,

reconciling us to you

and satisfying your just demands.  
By rising to new life   
Jesus has secured eternal deliverance for his people.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
 to receive praise and honour   
 and glory and power for ever and ever!

We thank you Father,   
that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread;   
and when he had given you thanks, he broke it,   
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
‘Take, and eat. This is my body given for you.   
Do this in remembrance of me.’  
After the meal, he took the cup,   
and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
‘Drink from 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.’

Therefore Father,   
we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine,   
and pray that we who eat and drink them,   
believing our Saviour’s word,  
may share his body and blood. Amen.

15. Turning to the people the minister says

We eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord

to proclaim our fellowship in his death.

We do this until he returns

Come Lord Jesus, come!

The minister may say

Let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

16. The minister gives the bread to each person, saying

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you,   
keep your body and soul for everlasting life. **Amen.**

and/or

Take and eat this, remembering that Christ died for you,   
and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The minister gives the cup to each person saying

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was poured out for you,   
keep your body and soul for everlasting life. **Amen.**

and/or

Drink this remembering that Christ’s blood was shed for you, and be thankful. **Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

17. If the Lord’s Prayer has not been said earlier (at #11) it is said here.

This thanksgiving is then said

Father, thank you for feeding us,   
who have received these your gifts of bread and wine,   
with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,  
and that we are members of his body.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

18. The service may conclude with a song and this or another suitable blessing.

To Jesus Christ who loved us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

and made us to be a kingdom and priests

serving our God and Father,

to him be glory and dominion forever and ever,

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER (ORDER 2B)**

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

1. The service may begin with a song or hymn.

2. The minister, or the minister and people, says

Let us pray*.*

Almighty God,  
nothing is hidden from you,  
not even the secrets of our hearts.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
purify our deepest thoughts,  
so that we may truly love you  
and bring honour to your name,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3. A time of praise may follow with suitable songs, words or prayers.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

4. The prayer for the day may be said.

5. The Bible readings follow, one from the Old Testament and one or two from the New Testament. A psalm may be said and suitable songs may follow any of the readings.

6. The Nicene Creed (or the Apostles’ Creed) is said here or after the sermon, the people standing.

We believe in one God,   
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,   
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,   
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,   
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,   
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation   
he came down from heaven:  
he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again   
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven   
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge   
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,   
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son   
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,   
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

7. The sermon is preached.

8. A song or hymn may follow.

THE PRAYERS

9. The minister or other members of the congregation pray for the world, the community, the work of the church, and the needs of individuals, using the forms found at the web site under Occasional Prayers and Other Resources, or suitable alternatives.

Individual prayers and thanksgivings may end with this response.

Father, hear our prayer,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the minister may say

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins   
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours   
now and for ever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

10. Standing at the table, the minister reads

Brothers and sisters in Christ,   
we who come to receive the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ can come only because of his great love for us. For, although we are completely undeserving of his love, yet in order to raise us from the darkness of death to everlasting life as God’s sons and daughters, our Saviour Christ humbled himself to share our life and to die for us on the cross. In remembrance of his death, and as a pledge of his love, Jesus instituted this holy sacrament which we are now to share.

But those who would eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord must examine themselves, and amend their lives. They must come with a penitent heart and steadfast faith.   
Above all they must give thanks to God for his love towards us in Christ Jesus.

You who are truly sorry for your sins, reconciled with others, and determined to lead the new life of joyful obedience to God, draw near with faith, and share in this holy sacrament to strengthen and sustain you.

or

1 Corinthians 11.26-28, 1 Peter 2.24, Mark 10.45, Romans 5.8-9

or

Listen to the welcoming words our Saviour Christ says to all who turn to him:

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,   
and I will give you rest.’ (Matthew 11:28)

‘God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,   
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.’ (John 3:16)

Hear what the apostle Paul says:

‘The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.’ (1 Timothy 1:15)

Hear what the apostle John says:

‘If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous,   
and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:1-2)

11. The minister says

Knowing the goodness of God   
and the times we fail to respond with love and obedience,   
let us confess our sins together.

Heavenly Father,  
you have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have gone our own way  
and broken your laws.  
We are sorry for our sins  
and turn away from them.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us  
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you  
and to please you more and more,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12. The minister stands and says

God is slow to anger and full of compassion.  
He forgives those who humbly repent   
and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord.   
God therefore forgives you in Christ Jesus:  
In him there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

13. The greeting of peace may be exchanged, all standing.

We are the body of Christ

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

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Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Yes! He is worthy of our praise.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,

to receive glory and honour and power,

for you created all things

and by your will they existed and were created.

Therefore we lift our voices to you, saying

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

who was, and is, and is to come.

We praise you especially for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by his death on the cross   
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that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread;   
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and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
‘Take, and eat. This is my body given for you.   
Do this in remembrance of me.’  
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‘Drink from this, all of you.  
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The minister may say

Let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

16. Those who distribute the bread and the cup say

For the bread

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, keep your body and soul for life eternal. **Amen.**

and/ or

Take and eat this, remembering that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

For the cup

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was poured out for you, keep your body and soul for life eternal. **Amen.**

and/or

Drink this in remembrance that Christ’s blood was shed for you, and be thankful. **Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

17. If the Lord’s Prayer has not been said earlier (at #9) it is said here.  
  
This thanksgiving is then said.

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 in this hope that we have grasped;   
so we and all your children shall be free,   
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

18. The service may conclude with a song and this or another suitable blessing.

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy, to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.