

Second order of Holy Communion

Especially when all ages are present

1. The call	20
2. Hymn or song	20
3. Prayer of praise	20

Welcome, greetings and introductions.

Music may be rehearsed, news shared and any necessary explanations or instructions given.

The responses in this service are either well known or are based on repeating a line. The congregation need to know when a line is to be repeated. This can be indicated either by the worship leader or by having a designated 'cantor' who speaks only the lines to be repeated.

The call

The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news!

Mark 1:15

Hymn or song

Prayer of praise

Let us pray.
Loving God,
you create the world
and all the people.
You make bread and wine
and all good things.
You are holy and we praise you.

Jesus Christ,
child of God
and friend of us all,
you are with us today
as we break the bread
and share the wine.
You are Lord and we love you.

Holy Spirit,
breath of God,
moving in all creation,
you bring us close to God
and make us holy and strong.
You are here and we adore you.

A short Trinitarian verse of praise may be sung, preferably from memory
(eg *Rejoice and Sing* 21-25).

or

Loving God,
in the company of all your people
we come to you,
and your presence is joy to us.
We come here
on this first day of the week
to meet with you and with each other
and to listen for your word for each one.
We are ready to break bread and to drink wine,
to remember again the stories of our faith,
and to be changed by being here with you.
As we worship
in the company of angels,
surrounded by the saints,
and embraced by your love,
let us give ourselves openly and freely,
as you give yourself to us,
in tenderness and love.
Loving God, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,
we worship you,
the one holy and eternal God.

Silence

Prayer of Confession and words of forgiveness

God of justice and forgiveness,
we confess that we live in a world
in which some are hungry even for bread,
many people are sad or hurt,
and there is much that is unfair and unjust.
We confess that in our own lives
we do not always do what is right
or turn away from what is wrong.
We ask your forgiveness,
we claim your love and mercy,
and we ask for courage to make a new beginning.
In the name of Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Jesus said, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

Mark 2:9

He also said, 'Whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother.'

Mark 3:35

Offering prayer

We bring this bread and this wine
to the table of Jesus.
With them we bring ourselves,
all that we are and all that we own.
May the ordinary become holy,
and heaven be opened to the people of earth.

May God be blessed forever!

All **May God be blessed forever!**

The Thanksgiving

God is with us!

All **God is with us!**

We give thanks and praise to God!

All **We give thanks and praise to God!**

Loving God,

For all these gifts we thank you,
and we join with all your people
on earth and in heaven,
in joyful praise:

Hosanna!

All **Hosanna!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

All **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Mark 11:9b,10b

We praise you that we are here today,
around the table of Jesus.

We have heard the good news of your love;
the cross is the sign of your arms
stretched out in love for us
and the empty tomb declares your love
stronger than death.

Christ has died!

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The breaking of the bread and the blessing of the cup

Eat this bread. It is the bread of life.

Drink this wine. It is the cup of blessing.

The Sharing

The Elders (or those chosen) may take the bread and wine to the congregation, or the people may pass the bread and cup from hand to hand as they are gathered around the table. There may be singing during the sharing of the bread and wine.

Thanks be to God for this gift beyond words.

All **Thanks be to God for this gift beyond words.**

The Peace

Jesus said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Mark 9:35a-37

Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

Prayers

Let us pray.

Loving God,
you have fed us generously at this table,
as we have remembered Jesus
and rejoiced that he is with us today.
We are ready now to follow him,
and to be your people in the world.
May your Holy Spirit show us the way,
make us holy and fill us with love.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church,
for the great Church throughout the world,
and for our own church community
gathered today for worship and prayer.
May we remember Jesus every day,
grow in understanding of him,
and learn to love you and our neighbours.

Fill us with your Spirit,
and make us people of peace,

Hymn or song

Sending out and blessing

Jesus said,
'Go home to your friends,
and tell them how much the Lord has done for you,
and what mercy he has shown you.'

Mark 5:19

The blessing of God be upon you,
the One who loves you,
the Christ who calls you,
the Spirit who makes you holy,
today and always.

All **Amen.**