



St Ursula's Church, Berne



Informal Eucharist

We use this booklet at our most important act of worship, the Eucharist or Holy Communion. (In some churches it is referred to as “the Lord’s Supper” or “Mass”.)

The word “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving”. In the central prayer of this service, we thank God for his Son Jesus. We believe that God was fully present in the earthly life of Jesus and that, in the events of his life and in his teaching, he showed us the true nature of God's unlimited love for his creation.

At the Last Supper Jesus too gave thanks to God, over the bread and wine that he was to share with his followers. He said that this bread and wine thereby became his Body and his Blood. He went on to tell his followers to continue to do this “in remembrance of me”.

We celebrate this service today in accordance with this instruction, believing that what we offer in thanksgiving – not least ourselves – will be similarly transformed.

Jesus' words “do this” have been followed in many different ways and in many different circumstances. But always in the knowledge that “the Lord is here” and in a mood of awe and wonder at this sacred mystery.



We gather

The Gathering Songs

Welcome and Notices

HYMN

We greet each other in the Lord's name

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The Priest introduces the theme of today's service

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The children leave for their own groups

We say sorry

.... Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

OR



Kyrie eleison

.... Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

OR



Kyrie eleison

.... Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

OR



Kyrie eleison

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness

God who is both power and love
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We praise

(We do not use this section in the solemn seasons of Lent or Advent)

♪ **All glory be to God on high,
his peace on earth proclaim;
to all his people tell abroad
the glory of his name.
In songs of thankfulness and
praise
our hearts their homage bring
to worship him who reigns above
our God and heavenly King.**

**O Christ, the Father's only Son,
O Lamb enthroned on high,
O Jesus, who for sinners died
in mercy hear our cry.
Most high and holy is the Lord,
most high his heavenly throne;
the Father, Son and Spirit reign
in glory ever one.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith , Tune: Kingsfold

OR

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing Alleluia to our heavenly King.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne.
Lord and God we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
to the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

Words: Christopher Idle, Tune: Evelyns

Collect (the prayer of the week)

We proclaim and respond to the word of God
Readings from the Old Testament and the Letters

At the end of each reading we say -
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

OR 🎵 **Your Word is a light unto my feet**
and a light unto my path. (*repeat*)



HYMN

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Alleluia. Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading from the Gospel
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Alleluia. Praise to you, O Christ.

Address (*or other presentation of God's word*)

We affirm our faith

Let us together affirm the faith we share in Jesus Christ.
Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

We pray for the Church, the world and all in need

Each section ends -

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

At the end

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

**We celebrate the Sacrament
We share Christ's gift of Peace**

.... The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



We bring our offering and prepare the altar

While this is happening we sing a hymn.

Response to the prayer over the gifts:

Blessed be God for ever

The Eucharistic Prayer
(The Church's Great Thanksgiving)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

OR

♪ **O holy, most holy,
the God of creation,
for ever exalted
in pow'r and great might.
The earth and the heavens
are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna
and praise in the height!**

**How blessed is he
who is sent to redeem us,
who puts ev'ry fear
and injustice to flight;
who comes in the name
of the Lord as our saviour.
Hosanna, hosanna
and praise in the height!**

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OR

♪ **Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord
in power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free;
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

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The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.
**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.**

*The bread is broken
and we are invited to share the feast*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

OR

♪ **O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sin away.
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray,
have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.
Into our lives your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore**

**in perfect heav'nly peace,
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

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Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Anyone attending this service is welcome to share in Communion, either by bread and wine or by a prayer of blessing.

Please follow the directions of the person on duty as to when to come to the chancel step.

During this time there are hymns and songs.

After all have received Communion, silence is kept.



Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

HYMN

We are sent out with God's blessing

.... and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

We hope you find today's service helpful in your own spiritual pilgrimage and we invite you to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the hall afterwards.

If you wish to know more about the Church, or become a member of the congregation here, please speak to the Priest or one of the people on duty today.

We invite anyone new to the church to fill in a Welcome card (copies in the porch and the hall) and hand it to a person on duty.

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