

Administration of Holy Communion by a deacon or lay person 1997

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

From the Reserved Sacrament (when the minister is a deacon or lay person)

1. Before the service begins, the consecrated elements are placed either in the aumbry or on the credence table.
2. The minister conducts the Service of the Word from a stall in the choir, or from some other convenient place in front of the congregation.
3. When the Service of the Word is concluded, the alms may be received in, silence, after which the consecrated elements are prepared at the credence table, the bread placed on a paten or in a ciborium, the wine poured into a chalice. These are then placed on the altar.
4. Standing at the altar, the minister says: "We remember in prayer those who celebrated the eucharist at..." (here naming the congregation and the service at which the elements were consecrated), "with whom we now share in communion through this consecrated bread and wine..."
5. The minister then goes to stand in the midst the congregation to lead one of the three thanksgiving prayers given below, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.
6. At this point the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) or another communion song may be sung.
7. The minister goes to the table and receives communion before administering to the congregation.
8. When all have received, the ablutions are done at the credence table.
9. The service concludes with a post-communion prayer and the Dismissal.
10. If desired, a doxology may precede the Dismissal: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation for evermore." Amen.

FIRST THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of all love
we draw near with awe and reverence
to the mystery of our Saviour's
Body and Blood.

Lord have mercy.

May we commemorate his passion
and recall his resurrection
with pure hearts and unclouded faith.

Lord have mercy.

For our sake he took body and soul,
human, mortal, tried and tempted as we are,
and by his preaching of the kingdom
called us to the knowledge of your truth.

Lord have mercy.

When he had fulfilled all your mind
he was lifted up upon the cross,
and rose from the dead,
and was taken up into heaven
to be the first-fruits of our human nature,
the author and perfecter of faith.

Lord have mercy.

Now he calls us to his table
to become partakers of his grace.

Lord have mercy.

With a humble will and with
overflowing love may we receive
your gift of everlasting life.

Lord have mercy.

With pure prayer and abundant hope
may we leave with you those things
that are past and devote ourselves
afresh to your service.

Lord have mercy.

Grant us to receive the Holy One
and to be hallowed by the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grant us to share in the peace of Christ
through the sacrament of peace.

Amen.

May this holy communion bring us
to new life in your kingdom
and unite us with all your Saints.

Amen.

As our Saviour has taught us,
so we pray:

Our Father in heaven...

*From the Deacon's Proclamation
Liturgy of Addai and Mari*

SECOND THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We thank you, Lord our God,
for this world which you have given us;
you never cease to make it new,
and you call us to work with you;
you accept the work of our hands.

Glory to you for ever.

You have made humankind in your image;
each one of us is fashioned in your likeness,
and we are able to recognise your face
in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

Glory to you for ever.

You have never desired to live apart from us,
and you have taught us to know you
through the Law and the Prophets,
the Apostles and Evangelists,
who told us the marvellous story of your love.

Glory to you for ever.

And you have come to us
in your Son, Jesus Christ.
In him you have walked along our roads,
looked at us with human eyes,
done the kind of things that we do,
and shared with us
the joy that can never be lost.

Glory to you for ever.

Now you give us his Body and Blood,
and we give ourselves to you.
Through the death and resurrection
of your Son, through the Holy Spirit
who has been given to us,
we can make you our eternal home.

Glory to you for ever.

So, with all Christians
who are gathered together today
everywhere, throughout the world,
and with the great procession of your Saints,
as brothers and sisters we pray to you,
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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

From A.D.A.P., Prière de Louange et D'Action de Grâce (1) 1976

THIRD THANKSGIVING PRAYER

For use with the 1970 Liturgy

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all men:
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life:
and above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory.
And we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we shew forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost
be all honour and glory,
world without end.

Amen.

As our Saviour Christ
hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**Our Father which 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,
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Holy Table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table:
but thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his Blood,
that our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his most sacred Body,
and our souls washed through his most precious Blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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