In the Spirit of Creation \*

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**The Holy Eucharist**

The Gathering of the Community

Leader: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Creator

 the love at our beginning and without end,

 in our midst and with us.

People: **God is with us, here we find new life.**

Leader: Creator, we disfigure you world.

Christ have mercy.

People: **Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Redemer, we reject your redemption and crucify you daily.

Christ have mercy.

People: **Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Giver of life, we too often choose death.

Christ have mercy.

People: **Christ have mercy.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: Let us pray.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** - *From A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569*

The Proclamation of the Word:

First Lesson:

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Here ends the reading

Psalm

Second Lesson:

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Here ends the reading

The Gospel *(All are invited to stand)*

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

People: **Praise and Glory to God**

After the reading, the reader says:

Leader: Here ends the gospel

People: **May we have ears to hear.**

A Sermon or Reflection

An Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us affirm our faith, as we say,

All: **You, O God, are supreme and holy.**

 **You create our world and give us life.**

 **Your purpose overarches everything we do.**

 **You have always been with us. You ae God.**

 **You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond measure.**

 **You came to us before we came to you.**

 **You have revealed and proved Your love for us in Jesus Christ,**

 **Who lived and died and rose again.**

 **You are with us now. You are God.**

 **You, O God, are Holy Spirit.**

 **You empower us to be your Gospel in the world.**

 **You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

 **You are God. We worship you.**

The Prayers of the People

(At the \* particular intercessions or thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud)

Leader: In confidence and trust we pray to you O God, saying,

 ‘God of grace you hear our prayer.’

Leader: We pray for the church:\*

Leader: God of grace

People **You hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our community: \*

Leader: God of grace

People **You hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those in need: \*

Leader: God of grace

People **You hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died and those who mourn. \*

Leader: God of grace

People **You hear our prayer.**

**All God of peace, let us your people know**

 **That at the heart of turbulence**

 **There is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.**

 **Keep us from being content with things as they are,**

 **That from this central peace**

 **There may be a creative compassion, a thirst for justice**

 **And a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

Presider We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do

as members of Christ’s body.

*Silence*

Presider Let us pray for reconciliation with creation and with each other.

All **Loving God,**

 **We come before you seeking to be reconciled with each other**

 **And with all of creation.**

 **We have not loved you with our whole heart**

 **We have not loved our neigbours as ourselves.**

 **We have not loved the world as you love the world.**

 **We have neglected our duties towards the land, the air and the water.**

 **We have misused the gifts you have given us.**

 **Teach us to love and care for you, for each other, and for the gifts in all creation.**

 **We ask this through our friend and brother, Jesus Christ.**

Presider God of love, who pardons all who truly repent;

 Forgive you your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,

 And keep you in life eternal through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: May the Holy One be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to our Creator.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right to give you thanks and praise, Eternal God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being. Therefore, we praise your name.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: But we turn against you and betray your trust: and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus your Child, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. Jesus was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. By dying Christ opened to us the way of freedom and peace. Therefore, we give you praise.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: Therefore, with prophets, saints and sages who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name;

All: **Holy, holy, holy! God of mercy, giver of life; Earth and sea and sky, and all that lives declare your presence and your glory.**

Presider: Blessed are you, Eternal God, for sending us Jesus the Christ, who on the night of suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

 In the same way after supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said, “Drink 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, we praise your name.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: Gracious God, we recall the death of Jesus Christ, we proclaim Christ’s resurrection and ascension, and we look with confidence for Christ’s coming as Hope of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by Christ and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon the offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our God. Therefore we give you praise.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your realm where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all people, of every language, race and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

All: **Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O source of all life, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: Christ taught us to pray like this:

All: **Eternal Spirit,**

 **Earth Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver;**

 **Source of all that is and that shall be,**

 **Father and Mother of us all,**

 **Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

 **The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

 **The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

 **Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

 **Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

 **With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

 **In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

 **In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

 **From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

 **For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

Presider: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ’s body once broken.**

Presider: Let your church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;**

 **If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

*The Presider invites the people to share in Communion by saying:*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Presider and people then receive Communion. The sacrament may be given around the circle one to another with the following words,

 The Body of Christ (given for you).

 The Blood of Christ (given for you).

Or The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

 The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

*The Communicant responds each time,* **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Presider: Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing (Said together):

**May the God who shakes Heaven and Earth, Whom death could not contain, Who lives to disturb and heal us, Bless us with power to go forth, to proclaim and live the gospel. Amen.**

Dismissal:

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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 The Gathering of the Community

 The Affirmation of Faith

 Confession and Absolution

 The summation of the Prayers of the People

 Sanctus

 The Lord’s Prayer

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