



St Paul's

After Communion

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. **Amen.**

Blessing and Departure

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.

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We are the broken body of Christ
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up the life of this community.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And always with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Family Communion

Invitation to worship

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed all humankind?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to all peoples?
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.

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy and gracious God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have lived only for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord. Amen.

May God our Father forgive us our sins, and in welcoming us home, bring us to the fellowship of his table. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy 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 forever. Amen

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 him thanks and praise.

Almighty God in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. Through him all things were made and without him nothing was made. And you saw all that you had made in and through him and said "behold it is very good". And the spirit of Christ is life and that life is the light of all peoples, and that light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never overcome it.

In Christ all things hold together for in Christ you were pleased to reconcile all things to yourself by making peace through his blood shed on the cross. Therefore we join with the angels and archangels and all the saints in heaven's song:

**Holy Holy Holy, Holy is the Lord
Holy Holy Holy, Holy is the Lord**

On the night he was betrayed by one of them, they had supper together. He showed them the bread. He broke it, he thanked his father then he gave it to them saying, 'take, eat, this is my body, which will be broken for you. Do this and be remembered in me'.

Then he took a cup and poured some wine into it. Again he blessed it, and gave it to his friends saying, Drink this all of you, for this is my blood, which will be shed for you, for your healing and your forgiveness, drink this and be remembered in me.

So we turn to the tree on which your son hung and died.

As he took into his own body, the suffering, pain, and brokenness of this world, that tree has become for us the tree of life, where death died and our lives were won back.

So we turn towards eternity
Death is no longer our destiny for Christ is the resurrection.

Send the healing power of your Holy Spirit now, as we take into our bodies, the heavenly bread and wine of your son's body, so that your conquering, tender love, and irrevocable forgiveness, may usher us all into the fullness of his life.

Come to his table, you who think you have much faith and you who know you have little or none, you who have been here often and you who are afraid to draw near, you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is his will that any who want to should meet him here.