



Diocese of Western Anglicans  
Communion Under Special Circumstances  
For the Use by the Deacon

The Order for  
Holy Communion Under Special Circumstances

*For Use by the Deacon*  
*Adapted from the Renewed Ancient Text*

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

**The Acclamation**

*The People standing, the Deacon from a place in the Nave, says this or a seasonal greeting.*

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Collect for Purity**

*The Deacon prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Summary of the Law**

*Then follows the Summary of the Law, or The Decalogue.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.  
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

**Kyrie**

*The Deacon and people pray*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*or*

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

*or*

Kyrie eleison.

*Christe eleison.*

Kyrie eleison.

*or this*

**Trisagion**

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

*Have mercy upon us.*



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## Gloria in Excelsis

*The Gloria or some other song of praise may be sung or said, all standing. It is appropriate to omit the song of praise during penitential seasons and days appointed for fasting.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Deacon says to the People*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with your spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

*The Deacon prays the Collect.*

<i>People</i>	Amen.
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*The Deacon continues*

We have come together in our Father's presence to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy Word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to ask his forgiveness of our sins. In union with those who celebrate [have celebrated] the Eucharist at N... this day, we seek God's grace in Holy Communion. For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup in obedience to his command, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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## The Lessons

*One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Lesson, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

*If only one lesson is read, that lesson shall be a gospel reading.*

*Silence may follow.*

*A psalm, hymn or anthem may follow each reading.*

*All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

### Nicene Creed

*On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Deacon first saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Deacon and People*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,



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of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],<sup>1</sup>  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

*The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers, or the Prayers of the People in the Anglican Standard Text. The reader pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* Hear our prayer.

For N., our Archbishop, and N., our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* Hear our prayer.

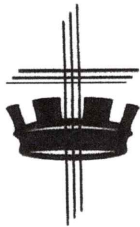
For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* Hear our prayer.

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<sup>1</sup> The phrase “and the Son” (Latin *filioque*) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the *filioque* in Documentary Foundations.





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For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service [especially\_\_\_\_\_].

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially\_\_\_\_\_].

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially\_\_\_\_\_], in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Intercessor* Lord in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Additional petitions may be added. Thanksgivings may also be invited.*

*The Deacon concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **The Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.



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### The Assurance of Forgiveness

*The Deacon remains kneeling and says*

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### The Comfortable Words

*The Deacon may stand and then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

### The Peace

<i>Deacon</i>	The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with your spirit.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### The Offertory

*The Deacon may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture.*

*During the Offertory a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. Representatives of the congregation may bring the People's tithes and offerings of money or other gifts, to the Deacon. Once the alms (tithes and offerings) are placed on the altar, the Deacon returns to his place in the chancel to continue the service.*

*The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following may be said.*

<i>Deacon</i>	Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,
<i>People</i>	And of your own have we given you.

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*



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*The People remain standing. The Deacon, from his or her place in the chancel, says*

Brothers and sisters, in the Gospel of Saint Luke we hear:

At supper with his disciples on the night he was betrayed Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Today, we receive the consecrated body and blood of Jesus Christ, so that we might dwell in him and he in us.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Deacon then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*The Deacon and People together pray*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*The Deacon and People together may say*

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord,  
whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his 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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### **The Agnus Dei**

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

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 your peace.*

### **The Ministration of Communion**

*Facing the People, the Deacon may say the following invitation*

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.*

*The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

*The Deacon may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Deacon says*

Let us pray.

*The Deacon and People together say the following, or the Post Communion prayer in the Anglican Standard Text*

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious body and blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*The Deacon says*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be  
with us all evermore. *Amen.*





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*A hymn, psalm or anthem may be sung here or after the Dismissal.*

## **The Dismissal**

*The Deacon may dismiss the people with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to any of the dismissals. It may be added at other times, except during Lent and on other penitential occasions.*

*The People respond*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.