

CANONGATE KIRK  
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE  
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THE ORDER  
of  
DIVINE SERVICE

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## NOTES

The Sunday morning service as the main service of the week includes either in fact or in anticipation the Celebration of Holy Communion. As is generally known, it was the desire of the Reformers to restore the custom of the early Church of making Holy Communion, along with preaching of the Word, once more the act of the Church's weekly worship.

“The Lord's Supper is Eucharist, Remembrance, Communion, Dedication.”

*Canongate 1973*

*R. S. W.*

The slightly amended edition of the Order of Divine Service in 1985 coincided with the decision of the Kirk Session to provide for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the MAIN service of the last Sunday of each month, in addition to the existing Services of Holy Communion at Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints.

The Seventh Edition included texts prepared by the English Language Liturgical Consultation which are in use in all the main churches of English-speaking Christendom, including the Church of Scotland.

The Eighth Edition coincides with the introduction of a new hymn book, *The Church Hymnary: Fourth Edition*, many of whose hymns and liturgical texts are set in contemporary language.

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*C. R.*

# THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE ON THE LORD'S DAY

*The people say together those parts in **heavy type**.*

1 *The Bible is brought into the Church, the people standing.*

## 2 CALL TO WORSHIP

*The minister says:*

Let us worship God.

## 3 PROCESSIONAL HYMN



## 4 GREETING

*While the people are still standing, the minister says:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

## 5 PRAYERS

Let us pray. *All kneel or sit.*

*Prayers such as:*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God:  
the heaven of heavens cannot contain you,  
much less the temples which our hands have built,  
yet you are always near those who are humble and contrite.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on your servants gathered here,  
that, cleansed and illumined by your grace,  
we may worthily show forth your praise  
and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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.**

*Confession*

**We confess to God almighty,  
to all the company of heaven,  
and to each other,  
that we have sinned exceedingly  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by our fault, by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault.  
Therefore we beseech almighty God  
to give us the grace of true repentance,  
to have mercy upon us,  
and cleanse us from our sins.**

Lord have mercy. *(may be sung at Holy Communion to hymn 649)*

**Christ have mercy.** *or*

Lord have mercy.

**Kyrie eleison**

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The Almighty and Merciful Lord  
grants unto you, being penitent,  
pardon, absolution, and remission of all your sins.

**Amen.**

*Collect of the Day.*

6 *HYMN.*



7 *LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT*

8 *PSALM, WITH THE PROPER DOXOLOGY*

9 *LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE, ACTS, OR APOCALYPSE*

10 *THE HOLY GOSPEL all standing*

11 *SUNG RESPONSE (omitted during Lent) all standing*

12 *THE APOSTLES' CREED* (omitted at Holy Communion) all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven.  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

13 *PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING* all kneeling or sitting

**Almighty God,  
Father of all mercies:  
we, your unworthy servants,  
give you most humble and hearty thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us, and to all people.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace  
and for the hope of glory.**

**Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,  
and that we show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

14 *INTIMATIONS*

15 *HYMN during which the preacher is led to the pulpit*

16 *INVOCATION OF THE HOLY TRINITY all standing*

17 *SERMON*

18 *ASCRPTION OF PRAISE TO THE HOLY TRINITY*

19 *OFFERTORY: COLLECTION*

*The preacher leaves the pulpit.*

*The collection is received at the Holy Table, the people standing and singing a Doxology.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

20 *PRAYER OF DEDICATION, (THANKSGIVING),  
INTERCESSION, AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE BLESSED  
DEPARTED*

*Prayers prepared for the day, or a Litany such as:*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and the salvation of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, and the well-being and unity of the Church of God,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the Church in this land, and for this congregation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For our Sovereign and all the Royal House, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the High Court of Parliament and the Scottish Parliament, and leaders of the people  
throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the people of this city, the Lord Provost, and all in positions of public trust,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For this good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For favourable weather and abundant harvests for all to share,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, water, or air, [or through outer space,]  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For those who guard the peace and defend our shores,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For those who are poor, or persecuted and oppressed,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For those who are homeless, unemployed, or destitute,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For those who are sick, heavy laden, or dying,  
and for those who dwell in the house of mourning,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For deliverance in times of affliction, strife, and need,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the faithful departed, that they may rest in peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord, to you.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*A*

**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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.           **Amen.****

*B*

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.           **Amen.****

*[When Holy Baptism follows:*

*[21 HYMN*

*[22 HOLY BAPTISM Each child is baptized in the arms of the minister.  
Adults kneel for baptism.]*

*When Holy Communion is not celebrated:*

*23 DISMISSAL AND BLESSING all standing*

Go forth in the peace of God.

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**Amen.**

*When Holy Communion follows:*

*24 PSALM 24 or some other suitable hymn, during which the minister and  
elders proceed to the narthex to bring in the elements of bread and wine.*

*The elements are brought to the holy table and unveiled by the minister.*

*25 THE GRACE*

*The people still standing, the minister says:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

26 *THE INVITATION*

*The minister gives an invitation to all members of Christ's Church:*

Beloved in the Lord, draw near to the Holy Table,  
and hear the gracious words of the Lord Jesus Christ:

'Come to me, all you who are weary and whose load is heavy; I will give you rest.'

*or*

'I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty  
Anyone who turns to me I will never turn away.'

*or*

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail; they shall be satisfied.'



THE COMMUNION

27 *THE NICENE CREED, all standing*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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.**

*All sit.*

## 28 THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*The minister says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
As the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread,  
I take these elements of bread and wine  
to be set apart unto this holy use and mystery.  
And as he gave thanks and blessed,  
let us draw near to God  
and present to him our thanksgivings and prayers.

## 29 THE 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places,

*The Preface:* to give you thanks and praise,  
*thanksgiving* holy Father, heavenly King,  
*for creation* almighty and eternal God,  
*and providence* for the majesty of your glory,  
the wonder of your works,  
and the riches of your grace.

*The Preface proper to the season - e.g., Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, All Saints.*

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we worship and adore you and proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *saying*: *(Hymn 651)*

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

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God most holy, ever blessèd,  
you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son,  
that everyone who has faith in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

Loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us  
and set us free from the bonds of sin  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory  
On the night in which he was betrayed,  
he took bread, and gave you thanks,  
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take eat; this is my body which is broken for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup and gave you thanks,  
and gave it to them, saying,  
'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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Not as we ought but as we are able  
we bless you for his holy birth,

*Thanksgiving* his life of love on earth,  
*for our Lord's* his precious sufferings and death upon the cross,  
*life and work* his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
*of redemption* his gift of the holy Spirit,  
his continual intercession for us at your right hand,  
and his kingly rule and pledge to come again in glory.

Remembering the work and passion of our Saviour Christ,  
and pleading his eternal sacrifice,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption

*Oblation* he has commanded us to make.  
*and Invocation* Send the Holy Spirit, we pray,  
*of the* and sanctify both us and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
*Holy Spirit* that the bread we break may be for us the body of Christ  
and the cup of blessing we bless the blood of Christ.

By these gifts may we feed on Christ by faith,  
and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ  
until that day when he shall welcome us to your feast in heaven.

**And here, O Lord**

**in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and on earth,**

**we offer and present to you**

*Oblation* **ourselves, our souls and bodies, a living sacrifice,**  
*of the Church* **dedicated and fit for your acceptance.**

**Fulfil in us and in all people**

**the purpose of your redeeming love;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Through him, with him, in him,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**all honour and glory are yours,**

**almighty Father, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

30 *THE BREAKING OF BREAD*

*The minister says:*

Taste and see that God is good: happy are those who trust in him.  
According to the holy institution, example,

and command of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and as a memorial of him, we do this:  
who, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread  
*(here the minister takes the bread into his hands),*  
and when he had blessed and given thanks, he broke it  
*(here he breaks the bread)* and said,  
'Take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup  
*(here the minister raises the cup),* saying,  
'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood.  
Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.'

31 *AGNUS DEI* \*

*(Hymn 653)*

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.**

\*This prayer is addressed to the living Christ, incarnate, crucified, risen and ascended, who is spiritually present to believers in the Lord's Supper.

32 *COMMUNION*

*The minister himself first partakes in both kinds.*

*Then, in giving the bread, he says:*

Take, eat; this is the body of Christ which is broken for you:  
do this, remembering him.

*In giving the cup, he says:*

This cup is the new covenant sealed by Christ's blood,  
which was shed that the sins of many might be forgiven.  
Drink from it, all of you.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which  
he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in  
your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*When all have received, the people stand as the vessels are returned to the holy  
table and are covered.*

33 *THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**Peace be with you.**

Let us pray.

**Gracious God**

**we give you glory, thanks and praise  
for the dying and undying love  
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**In your great goodness  
you have brought us into communion with him  
and with all who love him,  
and made us heirs of your everlasting kingdom.**

**By your grace,  
may we continue in this holy fellowship,  
and live to the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

34 *THE DISMISSAL AND BLESSING*

*The minister proceeds to the front of the apse and says:*

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.

Go forth in the peace of God.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**Amen.**

35 *The service being over, the minister leaves and the elements are removed from the church as a PSALM (such as 103) or a HYMN of praise is sung.*



