



LICHFIELD
CATHEDRAL

ORDER FOR THE
HOLY EUCHARIST
ON WEEKDAYS IN EASTERTIDE

Lichfield Cathedral is called to live and proclaim the transforming love of God. Through the fullness of its life in the Spirit, it seeks to be a sign of the friendship and freedom that God in Jesus Christ has given the whole world to enjoy.

THE GATHERING

Stand as the President enters

GREETING

The President may begin with a Sentence of Scripture and

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

before greeting the people. The response is always

And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Remain standing as the President introduces the liturgy and invites
the people to repentance*

The following may be used:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Or one of the following prayers may be said

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The President pronounces God's Absolution and all respond **Amen.***

Remain standing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

To be said daily in the Octave of Easter and on other Festivals and Principal Holy Days (Feasts and Solemnities)

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

Remain standing

The President says Let us pray.

At the end, all respond **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for one or two readings from Scripture

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A psalm may be recited between the readings. There is a response which the people are invited to join in with at the end of each section of the Psalm.

GOSPEL READING

Stand

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

A sentence of scripture is said, and all repeat

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is proclaimed

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Sit

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Stand

**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 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,
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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kneel or sit

One of these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Hear us.
Hear us, good Lord.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Stand

The President introduces the Peace

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of Christ's peace with those standing near them

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Sit while the altar table is prepared

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar.

The following or similar prayers may be said

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Stand after the President's hands have been washed

*There may follow the Prayer over the Gifts, to which all respond **Amen.***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.

The President praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The President recalls the Last Supper.

One of these acclamations is used

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection,

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*The Prayer continues. At the end, all respond boldly **Amen.***

Some Eucharistic Prayers end

... in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Remain standing

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

or

**Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

One of the following anthems may be used

**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.**

or

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

or

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

or

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

or

Christ is the true bread
which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The president says,

I invite you open your hands as a sign of your openness to receiving
God's grace as we pray together:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*The President prays the post-communion prayer.
All respond **Amen.***

One of the following prayers may be used

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray, that,
blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

or

**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.**

or

**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.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Remain standing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The President pronounces the blessing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

or

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead
at work within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

or

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

or

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

or

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead
at work within you,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

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