



Christ Rising by Albert Gilbert (1856)

Holy Communion: Wednesday of Holy Week

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

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.

Prayers of Penitence

sit or kneel

After the Summary of the Law, this is said: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

An introduction is said.

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

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

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

The Absolution is pronounced.

The Collect prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 71.1-14

sit

O God, make speed to save me; ♦ **O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; ♦
let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.

Let those who mock and deride me ♦ **turn back because of their shame.**

But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; ♦
let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'

As for me, I am poor and needy; ♦ **come to me quickly, O God.**

You are my help and my deliverer; ♦ **O Lord, do not delay.**

Gospel: John 13.20-32

stand

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John;
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, 'Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, 'Lord, who is it?' Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'Do quickly what you are going to do.' Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival'; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Meditation

sit

Silence is kept for prayer

The Peace

stand

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Eucharist

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

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 priest praises God.

**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 priest recalls the Last Supper.

sit or kneel

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The priest continues ending with

...forever and ever. **Amen.**

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Prayers after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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.

1. O Cross of Christ, immortal tree
on which our Saviour died,
the world is sheltered
by your arms
that bore the Crucified.

3. O faithful Cross,
you stand unmoved
while ages run their course;
foundation of the universe,
creation's minding force.

2. From bitter death
and barren wood
the tree of life is made;
its branches bear unfailing fruit
and leaves that never fade.

4. Give glory to the risen Christ
and to his Cross give praise,
the sign of God's unfailing love,
the hope of all our days.

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The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**