



Imago Dei

Communion Liturgy

*(adapted from the 4th cent.
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostomos)*

CONFESSIO

CELEBRANT : As we prepare to receive communion, let us pray for the assurance of forgiveness. Together let us confess:

PEOPLE:

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to Your compassion, blot out my transgression. For I acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. You will sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be made clean; You will wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and establish me with Your Spirit.

The Petitions

Let us continue our prayers to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For Your holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our deliverance from affliction, danger, and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all that is good and beneficial to our souls, and for peace in the world, let us ask the Lord.

Grant this, O Lord.

In faith, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

To You, O Lord. We commit our ways

Lord, You have given us grace to offer these common prayers with one heart. You have promised to grant the requests of two or three gathered in Your name. Fulfill now the prayers of Your servants for our benefit, giving us the knowledge of Your truth in this world, and of eternal life in the world to come.

Peace be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Singing the hymn that the angels proclaim before Your throne, we lift our voice to join theirs in the praise of Your Holy name:

Holy Holy God Almighty

Heaven and earth

Are full of your glory

Blessed is He

Who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy Holy God Almighty

The Presentation of the Communion

Together with all who praise You in heaven, we proclaim that You are holy and most holy, and sublime is Your glory. You so loved Your world that You gave Your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Jesus should not perish, but have eternal life. He came and fulfilled the divine plan for us.

(presentation of the bread)

On the night when He was betrayed, He took bread in His hands, gave thanks, blessed, broke and gave it to His holy disciples and apostles, saying:

“Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins. “

(presentation of the wine)

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to His disciples saying:

“Drink of it all of you; this is my Blood of the new Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Response

Remembering, therefore, this command of the Savior, and all that came to pass for our sake, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, and the enthronement at the right hand of the Father.

We offer to You these gifts from Your own gifts as You are in all and for all.

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, Lord our God.

We offer to You this spiritual worship and we ask that You send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts here presented. Make this bread to be for us the precious Body of Your Christ. And that which is in this cup the precious Blood of Your Christ. That they may be to those who partake of them for vigilance of soul, forgiveness of sins, communion of Your Holy Spirit, and confidence before You, that we stand not in judgment or condemnation.

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, Lord our God.

Having remembered the Lord’s compassion, let us again in peace pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the precious Gifts offered and consecrated, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

That our loving God who has received them at His holy and spiritual altar as an offering of spiritual fragrance, may in return send upon us divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

Lord have mercy.

Having prayed for the unity of faith and for the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To You, O Lord. We commit our ways

We entrust to You, loving Master, our whole life and hope, and we ask, pray, and entreat: make us worthy to partake of your heavenly and awesome Mysteries from this holy and spiritual Table with a clear conscience. And make us worthy, Master, with confidence and without fear of condemnation, to repeat the words our Lord taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven...

Master, look down from heaven upon those who have bowed their heads before You; we have bowed not before flesh and blood but before You the awesome God. Therefore, Master, guide the course of our life for our benefit according to the need of each of us.

Now come we pray and sanctify us. Let Your Body and precious Blood be given to us as assurance and food for our souls.

The holy Gifts for the holy people of God.

One is Holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Communion

Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins.

We give thanks to the Lord

(the bread is distributed)

Drink of it all of you; this is my Blood of the new Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

We give thanks to the Lord

(the wine is distributed)

After Communion

Let our mouths be filled with Your praise, Lord, that we may sing of Your glory. You have made us worthy to partake of Your holy mysteries. Keep us in Your holiness, that all the day long we may follow Your righteousness.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we give thanks to the risen Lord

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Having prayed for a perfect, holy, and sinless day, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To You, O Lord, we commit our ways

We thank You, loving Master, that on this day You have renewed us as partakers of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Direct our ways in the right path, establish us firmly in Your grace, guard our lives, and make all our endeavors safe.

For You are our sanctification and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

May the blessing of the Lord and His mercy come upon you through His divine grace and love always, now and forever.

Glory to You, O God, our hope, glory to You.

May the blessing and the mercy of the Lord be with you.

And also with you. Amen