

# Extracts from A Prayer Book for Australia

## The Holy Communion

### SECOND ORDER

#### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*1 A psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung when the ministers enter or after the greeting. A seasonal sentence may be used here or after 3.*

*2 An Invocation, or an Acclamation such as follows, may be said before or after the greeting.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

*3 The Greeting. The priest greets the people in these or other suitable words.*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*or*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*or*

*From Easter Day to Pentecost*

Christ is risen. [Alleluia.]

**He is risen indeed.** [Alleluia.]

*4 This Prayer of Preparation may be said.*

[Let us pray.]

**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.**

*5 to 10 may be used according to local and seasonal custom, in any appropriate form and sequence.*

*5 The Two Great Commandments, the Ten Commandments (see page 101), or other suitable passages are said when the confession follows.*

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

*8 Lord, have mercy (Kyrie eleison)*

**Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

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*9 The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis. It may be omitted during Advent and Lent (see note 4).*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

*10 Especially during Advent and Lent, the following (Trisagion) may be said.*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*11 The Collect of the Day, The priest says*

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*12 All sit for the Reading from the Old Testament or as appointed.*

*After each reading the reader may say*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

*13 A Psalm, hymn or anthem may be sung.*

*14 The Reading from the New Testament (other than from the gospels).*

*15 A hymn or anthem may be sung.*

*16 All stand for the Gospel Reading.*

*The deacon or other reader may say*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The reader says*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
[chapter... verse...] **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

*or* [For] the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*17 The Sermon*

*Silence may follow.*

*18 On Sundays the Nicene Creed or the Apostles Creed (see page 171) is said or sung, all standing.*

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*[The minister may say these or similar words.*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:]

**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.**

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### *19 The minister says*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*The prayers may be offered by a deacon and/or other members of the congregation.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may end with an appropriate response, for example:*

Lord, in your mercy, Let us pray to the Lord.

**hear our prayer. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, hear us. For your love and goodness

**Lord, hear our prayer. we give you thanks, O God.**

Father, hear our prayer God of grace,

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. hear our prayer.**

*For suitable patterns of prayer, see pages 172-173, 183-187.*

*The prayers may conclude with this or another suitable prayer.*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*or, unless the Lord's Prayer is used later, the minister may say*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

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[PREPARATION]

*20 A selection from the following or other suitable sentences of Scripture may be used.*

- Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28
- Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35
- Jesus said: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. John 13.34
- Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11.25
- God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

*and/or*

*21 This Prayer of Approach may be used.*

[Let us pray.]

**We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold 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 nature 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 we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*22 The deacon or other minister introduces the confession with the following, a seasonal introduction (pages 147-63) or other suitable words such as an exhortation (page 108), 1 Corinthians 11.26-28 or Isaiah 55.6-8.*

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*23 The Absolution. Standing, the priest says*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*24 All stand. The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.*

We are the body of Christ.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

*or*

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

*The priest says*

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*A hymn may be sung.*

*25 The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table. They may be presented in silence or a suitable prayer, such as follows, may be used.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*26 The priest takes the bread and wine for the communion, places them on the Lord's Table, and says the following (Thanksgiving 1) or another authorised Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration.*

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### Thanksgiving 1

[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.**

*A Seasonal Preface (see pages 147-163) may be substituted for 'All glory and honour ... saying:'*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.]**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

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'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*The memorial acclamation is used here or below.*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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*27 If the Lord's Prayer has not already been said, it is said here or after the communion. The priest says*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*28 The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.*

[We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.]

We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*or*

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

*29 The priest and other communicants receive the Holy Communion.*

*The sacrament is given with the following words.*

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The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

*and*

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

*or*

*The priest says*

[The gifts of God for the people of God.]

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds Amen.*

The body of Christ [the bread of heaven] keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ [the cup of salvation] keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*During the communion, psalms, hymns or anthems such as those on pages 145-46 may be sung or said.*

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## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*30 The priest says one of the following or another suitable prayer (see the Seasonal Variations, pages 147-63).*

*a* Gracious God,

we thank you that in this sacrament  
you assure us of your goodness and love.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
and help us to grow in love and obedience  
that we may serve you in the world  
and finally be brought to that table  
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

*or*

*b* Bountiful God,

at this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive  
this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

*or*

*c* Living God,

in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

*or*

*d* 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.

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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 in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

*If this prayer is said, ¶ 31 may be omitted.*

*31 All say together, either*

Father,  
**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

*or*

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

*32 A hymn may be sung.*

*33 The priest says this or an appropriate seasonal Blessing.*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*34 The deacon may say*

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

*During the Easter season 'Alleluia, alleluia' may be added to the dismissal and the people's response.*

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## Seasonal Variations

### Ash Wednesday and Lent

#### Invitation to Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

#### Preface

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are,  
yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able  
to triumph over every evil,  
and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

#### Prayer after Communion

God of mercy,  
may we who have shared in this holy meal  
know your forgiveness in our lives,  
bring your reconciliation to others,  
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

*or*

Compassionate and loving God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us  
and have reconciled your people to yourself.  
Following his example of fasting and prayer,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love.

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#### Blessing

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven  
[and the blessing...]

*or*

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

## Holy Week

### Invitation to Confession

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

### Preface

#### Holy Week

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;  
where life was lost, there life has been restored.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

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#### Maundy Thursday

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
When his hour had come, in his great love  
he gave this supper to his disciples,  
that we might proclaim his death,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

### Prayer after Communion

#### Holy Week

God our help and strength,  
through these holy mysteries  
confirm our faith  
that by the death and resurrection of your Son  
we may walk in the way of salvation.

#### Maundy Thursday

Holy God, source of all love,  
on this night of betrayal  
Jesus commanded his disciples  
to love one another as he loved them.  
We thank you for feeding us in this supper.  
Give us the will to serve others  
as he was servant of all.

**Good Friday**

Most merciful God,  
you have restored us to life  
by the triumphant death of Jesus, your Son.  
Continue his healing work within us  
that all who partake in this communion  
may give themselves wholly to your service.

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**Easter****Invitation to Confession**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Preface**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.  
By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*or*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
He is the true Paschal Lamb  
who was offered for us  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
And now we give you thanks

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that you raised him in triumph from the dead.  
By his death, he has destroyed death  
and by his rising to life again  
has restored us to eternal life.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

### **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, giver of life,  
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.  
May we who celebrate this holy feast  
walk in his risen light  
and bring new life to all creation.

*or*

Most glorious Lord of life,  
we thank you that you nourish us  
in these Easter mysteries.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love  
and unite us in faith,  
that we may witness to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world.

### **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working  
in you what is pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing...

*or*

Almighty God,  
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,  
[who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism,]  
and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom,  
give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance;  
and the blessing...

### **Ascension**

#### **Invitation to Confession**

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

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### **Preface**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
You have highly exalted him,  
and given him the name which is above all other names,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of glory  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world  
to preach the gospel of the kingdom.  
Strengthen us who share this meal to continue his mission  
by living the good news we proclaim.

### **Blessing**

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing...

## **Day of Pentecost**

### **Invitation to Confession**

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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### **Preface**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
Today we give you thanks that  
in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.  
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

### **Prayer after Communion**

Giver of life and love,  
we thank you that in this heavenly banquet  
you invigorate and renew us.  
Living in the unity of the Spirit,  
may we boldly use your gifts  
to continue your work in the world.

### **Blessing**

May the Spirit lead you into all truth,  
giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;  
and the blessing...

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## **Trinity Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Invitation to Confession**

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

### **Preface**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Through him, you have revealed to us your glory  
in the community of your love,  
three persons, one God,  
ever to be worshipped and adored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

### **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty and eternal God,  
may we who have received this sacrament  
of your Son's body and blood  
worship you in all we do,  
proclaim your word to all the world,  
and live in the power of your Spirit.

### **Blessing**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in all truth and peace;  
and the blessing...

## Australia

*The invitation to confession is especially suitable for services whose theme is reconciliation between the indigenous and non-indigenous peoples of Australia.*

### Invitation to Confession

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7.14

Though Christ has called us into one body, the oneness of the peoples of this land has been broken by acts of oppression and the failure of compassion.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us therefore confess our brokenness, confident in God's power and promise to make us whole.

*The general confession and absolution on page 126 or the litany of confession on page 199 or other suitable prayers may be used.*

### Preface

All glory and honour, thanks and praise,  
be yours now and always,  
Lord of every time and place,  
God beyond our dreaming.  
We give you thanks that from the beginning of time,  
your Spirit has brooded over this ancient land.  
In the fullness of time you revealed your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
We give you thanks that in him  
you have revealed to us your presence  
in the vastness of this land,  
your love in its fruitfulness, and  
your purpose in its cycles of death and renewed life.

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Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

### Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, you have created all humanity  
in your image and likeness,  
and have revealed your plan and purpose  
in calling us your friends and family.  
As we have shared this holy meal,  
inspire our hearts to see  
every man, woman and child  
given the dignity and value  
which is your purpose and your gift;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Lent post-communion prayer is also suitable.*

### Blessing

God of this ancient land, through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family, give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus;  
and the blessing...