

HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

THE WORD OF GOD

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Lector: Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power. That one is God. May you find Him now! Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. We asked His protection and care with complete abandon. These are the steps we took, which are suggested as a program of recovery:

Step 1: *We admitted we were powerless over our addiction; that our lives had become unmanageable.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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*

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

People: *Christ have mercy.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

Step 2: *We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(Celebrant reads the collect of the Day)

People: *Amen*

Step 3: *We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand God.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:

Lector: A reading from _____
(after the Reading the Reader may say)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM:

New Testament Lesson:

Lector: A reading from _____

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel

(After the reading)

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

(For the Prayers of the People a Litany of Healing, as follows, may be used.)

Litany of Healing

(The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding)

Celebrant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

(The people audibly name those for whom they are interceding.)

Reader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

People: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly;

People: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

People: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of Life.*

Reader: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of Life.*

Reader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: You are the Lord who does wonders;

People: *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

Reader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

People: *And in your light we see light.*

Reader: Hear us, O Lord of Life;

People: *Heal us, and make us whole.*

Reader: Let us pray.
(A period of silence follows.)

(The celebrant concludes the Prayers with one of the following or some other suitable Collect:)

Celebrant: Almighty God, giver of life and health, send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*

Step 4: *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory.*

Step 5: *Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.*

Step 6: *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Step 7: *Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Step 8: *Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.*

Step 9: *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.*

HEALING (All stand.)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Offertory Sentences

Step 10: *Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.*

Celebrant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory Hymn (Here a hymn or an appropriate contemporary song may be used.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Step 11: *Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether Bishop or Priest, faces them and says:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you!*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: God of power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets on their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son,

born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People:

*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.*

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said: "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory and worship, from generation to generation.

All: *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Step 12: **Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to those addicted, and to practice these principles in all affairs.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses them with these words:

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*