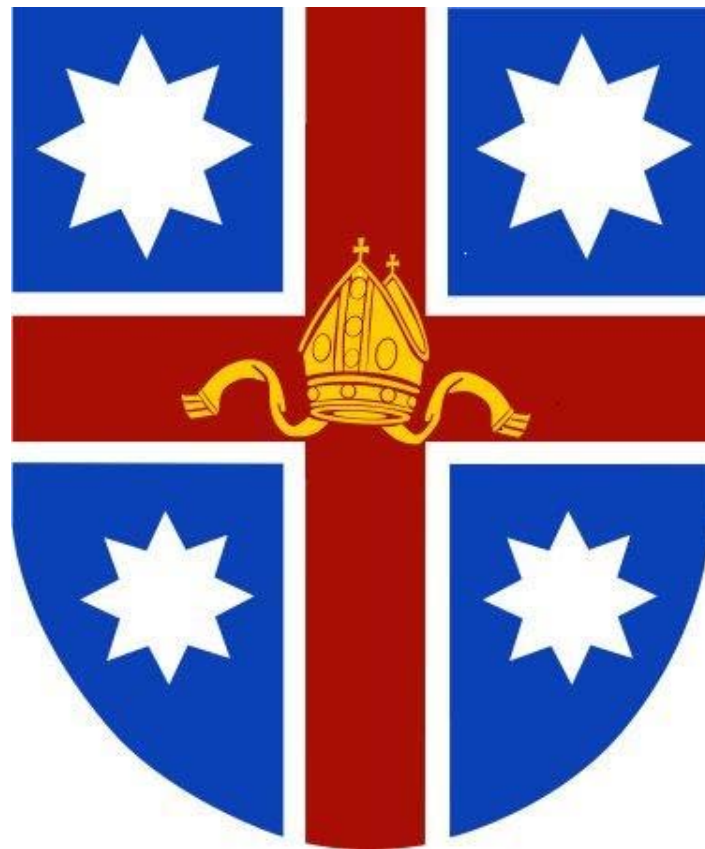


**An Order for the Holy Communion
(2009, revised)**



**The Anglican Church of Australia
Liturgy Commission**

Introduction

An Order for the Holy Communion (2009) is a revision of *An Alternate Order of Holy Communion*, issued earlier for 'trial use' by the Liturgy Commission. Full account has been taken of the responses received to the latter service.

Its origins lie in requests for a rite which, in comparison with those in *APBA*, is shorter, more direct in structure, and pitched in a 'lower register' of language.

The motif of God's call runs as a thread through the service. It includes no specific seasonal material, and thus be more appropriate for use during the season of Epiphany (not including Baptism of the Lord) and after Pentecost (not including Trinity Sunday).

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Notes

1. If this service is used on a Sunday, the Nicene Creed or Apostles' Creed should be said in the usual place.
2. Where readings from both the Old and New Testament are provided, one may be omitted (cf Note 6, *APBA* page 164). The Gospel is always read.
3. The Confession and Absolution may be used before the Ministry of the Word.
4. The Notes regarding Holy Communion (First Order and Second Order) in *A Prayer Book for Australia*, page 117 and pages 164-165 also apply to this service.
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

1. *The priest says*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

2. *The deacon may say*

We come by the grace of the one God,
creator of beauty, lover of justice.

Blessed be God for ever.

We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
one with us in sorrow and in joy.

Blessed be God for ever.

We are one in the Spirit who fills the Church,
breath of life, making all things new.

Blessed be God for ever.

Come and worship the holy and glorious Trinity,
as we pray together:

**God of the feast,
your Wisdom calls us,
your Word teaches us
and you feed us with your life.
Give us grace to welcome one another
as you have welcomed us in Christ Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

3. *A song of praise (for example, 'Glory to God in the highest') may be sung.*

4. *The priest says the Prayer of the Day.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

5. *After the first reading from the Bible:*

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

6. *Before the Gospel reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel reading:

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

7. *The Sermon*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

8. *Prayer is offered for the world and for the church*

9. *The prayers may conclude with this or another suitable prayer,
or the Lord's Prayer if it is not used later*

Lord, hear our prayers.

**Use us by your grace
so that the world is changed for good
and you are known and loved as Lord of all.
Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

10. *The deacon says*

We remember that the Lord Jesus died
to take away our sins.

silence

Let us confess our sins
to the God who knows us through and through.

**Holy God,
we have disobeyed your commandments,
we have resisted your call,
we have failed to live by your generous love.
We are sorry for all our sins,
and ask you to forgive us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

11. *The priest says*

God who has called us is faithful,
and will not remember our sins.

Your sins are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Live by the Spirit's transforming power,
and forgive as you have been forgiven.

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

12. *The priest says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with the peace of Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

13. *Bread and the wine for the Holy Communion are placed on the Lord's Table.*

14. *The priest says*

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.

With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God.

In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness,
you made living things to grow and flourish
and you created human beings in your image.

You chose us in love,

guided us by your presence
and blessed us with your holy law.

Yet we chose our own sinful ways.

We broke your commandments,

persecuted your prophets,

forgot your wisdom

and, time after time,

refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice

in Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, Son of God.

He called and people followed,

leaving every other loyalty.

He set us free to praise your holy name.

But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down.

Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross,

he laid down his life for the world he loved,

and broke the chains of evil and death.

Then you turned our sorrow into joy.

On the third day you raised him up

to lead your people into life.

So we praise you, holy God,

with angels and archangels

and all your faithful 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.]**

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his friends
to share a meal and wash their feet,
teaching one more lesson of love.

He took bread
and blessed you
and broke it.
He gave it to them and said:
"Take this and eat it.
This is my body."

He took a cup of wine
and blessed you
and gave it to them.
He said: "Take this and drink it.
This is my blood,
sealing God's promise to forgive your sins.
Whenever you do this,
do it in memory of me."

As we share these holy gifts,
we remember the Lord Jesus.

For the love you taught us,
the sacrifice you made for us
and the hope you give us,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

And now, faithful God,
send us your Spirit
to feed us with the body and the blood
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Make us one body in Christ.
Send us as your messengers in the world
and fill us with energy, courage and love.

Now to you, most holy God,
through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power,
we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

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

15. If the Lord's Prayer has not already been said it is said here or after the Communion.

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 BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

16. The priest breaks the bread.

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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

17. The priest and other communicants receive the Holy Communion.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

18. The priest says

Let us pray.

We thank you, God,
for all the blessings of this table:
for the life-giving story,
the living bread
and the wine of new creation.

**Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal,
to tell the Good News to neighbours and strangers
with creative words
and compassionate service,
walking the way of Christ.**

19. The priest continues

God who has called you is faithful.
Go into the world with joy,
forgive generously,

love extravagantly,
live abundantly.

And the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

20. *The deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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