



# NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

## LITURGY OF THE WORD & HOLY EUCHARIST

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND PRAYER

#### The Gathering of the Community

*All standing, the presiding priest or minister continues, using any of the following greetings.*

**G**race and peace to you from God.  
**G**od fill you with truth and joy.

The Lord be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

This is the day which the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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,  
so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The following may be said or sung here,*

**G**lory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
**L**ord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
**L**ord 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.  
**F**or 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.

*The congregation kneels. The Summary of the Law, or A New Commandment, are to be said.*

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear the teaching of Christ:

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.

This is the first commandment.

And a second is this:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

## A NEW COMMANDMENT

Hear the teaching of Christ:

a new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*The Kyries may also be used.*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

**Christe eleison.**

Kyrie eleison.

*One or more of these sentences may be read.*

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

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*

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Jesus said: There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

*The presiding priest or minister says*

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith  
and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God,**

**we have sinned in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done**

**and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance:**

**we have sinned in weakness:**

**we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,**

**and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.*

Through the cross of Christ,

God have mercy on you,

pardon you

and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven

and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

*All standing, the following may be said.*

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

**The word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

*A Collect of the Day shall be said here, or before or after the Sermon*

## **The Proclamation**

### The Readings

*The appointed readings follow, the reader first saying*

A reading from ... (chapter ... beginning at ... )

*Silence may follow each reading. The reader may say:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A psalm, hymn or anthem may follow each reading.*

*Another reading may follow, and then all standing, the reader of the **Gospel** says*

The Holy Gospel according to ... (chapter ... beginning at ...)

**Praise and glory to God.**

*After the Gospel, silence may be kept. The reader says:*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

## **The Sermon**

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

*The Nicene Creed as follows, may be said or sung, all standing.*

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
and 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.**

*The presiding priest or minister says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

## The Prayers of the People

### FIRST FORM

*Periods of silence may be kept.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.  
Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:  
*(Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.)*

Father, enliven the Church for its mission  
**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world:

*(Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.)*

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the community:

*(Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.)*

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

*(Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.)*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

*(Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.)*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Give comfort to those who mourn.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered and the prayers conclude with one of the following.)*

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence:**

**your love in our hearts,**

**your truth in our minds,**

**your strength in our wills;**

**until, at the end of our journey,**

**we know the joy of our homecoming**

**and the welcome of your embrace,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Or*

Your word is a lamp for our feet.

**In darkness and in light,**

**in trouble and in joy,**

**help us, heavenly Father,**

**to trust your love,**

**to serve your purpose,**

**and to praise your name,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*All standing, the presiding priest says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people and presiding priest may exchange a sign of peace according to local custom.*

*The priest then continues*

**B**rothers and sisters, We are the body of Christ.

**By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

### The Preparation of the Gifts

*A hymn or anthem may be sung.*

*The holy table is prepared. The bread and wine which may be brought forward by representatives of the congregation.*

*The offerings of the people are presented. The presiding priest may say*

**T**o you, Lord, belongs the greatness,

and the power, and the glory,

and the victory and the majesty.

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,**

**and of your own we give you.**

**Or** *the priest may offer praise for God's gifts in the following or other appropriate words.*

**B**lessed are you, 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

*It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer. The priest says or sings*

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 offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit. Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and 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.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;  
your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim;  
your coming we await;  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **The Communion**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*(which is to be used at least once in the service) may be said here, introduced by these or similar words.*

As Christ teaches us we 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 priest breaks the bread.*

*Silence may be kept.*

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

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

*Any of these **Additional Prayers at Communion** may be used before or during Communion, or as private devotions.*

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.

*Or*

We do not presume to come to your holy table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercy.

### **The Invitation**

*The priest invites the people saying*

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour

Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.

Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The presiding priest and people receive communion.*

*The minister says the following words (or any of those provided in the other Eucharistic Liturgies) to each person.*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you. **Amen.**

## **Prayer After Communion**

*A seasonal prayer may be said by the presiding priest, or by the presiding priest and people together.*

**F**ather 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.  
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 firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

*Or*

**A**lmighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the  
spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life  
and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.  
Therefore, ever-living God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.  
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully  
in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the  
Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Dismissal of the Community**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.