



Saint Martin's
Episcopal Church

Celebration of the
Holy Eucharist
Summer Rite

From the earliest times the Eucharist has been the central act of Christian worship. Despite appearances it is not so much a service of words as much as it is a framework of actions.

At the heart of the Eucharist lie the four-fold actions of taking, blessing, breaking, and sharing.

There are four ingredients for Eucharist to take place:

1. A priest – duly ordained
2. At least one other baptized person, preferably a community of baptized persons
3. An order for celebration - duly recognized
4. Elements: bread, wine, and water

PRELUDE

INTROIT (Cantor)

FIRST HYMN (optional)

THE PREPARATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father (Lover), Son (Beloved), and Holy Spirit
(Love Sharer)

People Blessed be God's kingdom, now and always. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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.*

GLORIA (Peruvian)

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father.

People Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father.

Cantor To God be glory forever.

People To God be glory forever.

Cantor Alleluia amen.

People Alleluia amen.

Cantor Alleluia amen.

People Alleluia amen.

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to Christ Jesus.

People Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to Christ Jesus.

Cantor To Christ be glory forever.

People To Christ be glory forever.

Cantor Alleluia amen.

People Alleluia amen.

Cantor Alleluia amen.

People Alleluia amen.

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit.

People Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit.

Cantor To Spirit be glory forever.

People To Spirit be glory forever.

Cantor Alleluia amen.

People Alleluia amen.

Cantor Alleluia amen.

People Alleluia amen.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

INVITATION AND RESPONSE

FIRST READING (*after which the reader says*)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*sung by the Cantor or recited by half verse*)

SECOND READING (*optional - after which the reader says*)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (*sung by the Cantor*) or GRADUAL HYMN

Celebrant Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to _____.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel is read the people say:

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

PROCLAIMING THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

We open our hearts to God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

We open our hearts to Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he was raised to new life;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of God the father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We open our hearts to the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GENERAL CONFESSION

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All together

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY AND HYMN OR ANTHEM (optional)

THE FOUR ACTIONS OF THANKGIVING

1. TAKING

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation, for we have this
bread to offer, fruit of the earth and the labor of human hands.
It will be for us the bread of life.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Blessed are you Lord God of all Creation, for we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and the labor of human hands. It will be for us the cup of salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

2. BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all 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 in 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:

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.

The Celebrant continues

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 for the 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.

Lord God of our Ancestors: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel and Leah; 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.*

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. *Amen.*

As our Savior has taught us, so we have confidence to say:

*Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*Protect us in the time of trial,
Defend us from all that seeks to harm us.*

*For yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
now and forever. Amen.*

3. BREAKING

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

People *Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.*

4. SHARING

These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God.

The bread and wine are offered to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Life. *Amen*

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. *Amen*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All together

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.*

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 you name;

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

FINAL HYMN (optional)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant This Eucharist is ended
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *In the name of Christ. Amen*

POSTLUDE

This Order of Service follows the *1979 Book of Common Prayer* with augmentations from the Church of England's *Book of Common Worship*.



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