

The Holy Eucharist

The Liturgy for the
Proclamation of the Word of God and
Celebration of the Holy Communion

According to the rite of the
Diocese of Masvingo
Anglican Church of Zimbabwe

Approved for use in the
Diocese of Fond du Lac
For Companion Diocese Sunday
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Concerning the Celebration

The rite presented here is of The Order of Holy Communion according to the practices of the Diocese of Masvingo, Anglican Church of Zimbabwe, Companion Diocese of the Diocese of Fond du Lac.

Approval for use on Companion Diocese Sunday, being the Seventh Sunday After Easter, has been made by the Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac for the congregations of the diocese. When this liturgy is used in the local setting, it is expected the local customs will be followed, as much as possible, when the liturgy does not specify words or rubric.

The Masvingo liturgy is quite like the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer because both Churches are part of the Anglican Communion. The similarity comes from having the same roots as part of the Communion. Books of prayer of the various churches of the Anglican Communion have been altered, abridged, enlarged, and amended as seemed most convenient for the edification of the people, according to the various exigency of times and occasions. Even so, while there are different worship forms and usages, the substance of the Faith is kept. Those wanting to know more about this may refer to the Preface of the Book Common Prayer, page 9.

Usage of the Liturgy

The services are similar but also have differences. Those leading worship are encouraged to read through the service well in advance of its use to become aware of differences and consider alterations to meet local custom. Some differences to note include: 1) the Collect for Purity recited by all (not just the Celebrant); 2) the Companion Diocese collect is prayed immediately before the Collect of the Day; 3) wording around the lessons and Gospel are slightly different; 4) the preparation of the table involves the congregation; 8) The Lord's Prayer is primarily contemporary language with use of some traditional language as well.

Placement of musical selections is not included here so that use of appropriate hymns may be according to local custom. However, use of Service Music is discouraged because of differences in wording.

Lessons are those appointed for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The congregation is asked to designate its loose offering on this Sunday to benefit the Companion Relationship in a way the congregation decides.

The "President" (what we term "Celebrant") is strongly encouraged to announce to the congregation PRIOR to the service the Companion Diocese Sunday service has variations in wording from Rite I or Rite II. Use of this liturgy can provide an experience similar to what our brothers and sisters have in the Diocese of Masvingo.

THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

President Alleluia Christ is risen
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

President O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of
races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by the ever-widening circles of fellowship,
thru our companion relationship with the Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and the
Diocese of Fond du Lac in Wisconsin, USA. Help us to learn about each other to grow in
love for each other. And show us your presence in those who differ most from us, and allow
us to learn from each other with open hearts and minds; through Christ our lord.

All Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from _____.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

SECOND READING

A reading from _____.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Deacon/Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon/Priest A reading from the Holy Gospel according to _____.

All **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

All 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 of Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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 INTERCESSIONS

- Minister Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through-your Son Jesus Christ to hear us
when we pray in faith.
Strengthen our Bishops, and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess
your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in
the world.
Lord in your mercy
- All Hear our prayer.**
- Minister Bless and guide the Presidents of our countries and all in authority in this land, and direct
this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that men may honour one another
and seek the common good.
Lord in your mercy
- All Hear our prayer.**
- Minister Give grace to us, our families and friends and to all our neighbours; that we may serve Christ
in one another, and love as he loves us.
Lord in your mercy
- All Hear our prayer.**

Minister Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit _____; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Minister Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ _____; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we Commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.
Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Minister Merciful Father.

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The President takes the bread and cup into his hands and replaces them on the holy table

President Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

President Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The offerings of the people may be collected and presented. These words may be used.

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours, All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

THE SECOND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born as man and to die on the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your Holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

And now we give you thanks because you have highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

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

**All 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.**

President Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Through him accept our sacrifice of praise; and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood, who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks, he gave it to them saying, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
All **Christ has died,**
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come again

President Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, having in remembrance his death once for all upon the cross, his resurrection from the dead and his ascension into heaven, and looking for the coming of his kingdom, we make with this bread and this cup the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him this offering of our duty and service and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, fill us with your grace and heavenly blessing nourish us with the body and blood of your Son, that we may grow into his likeness and made one by your Spirit, become a living temple of your glory.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, from all who stand before you in earth and heaven, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President As our Saviour taught, so we pray
All **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.
Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

The President breaks the consecrated bread saying

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

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

All 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.

All We do not presume to come to this 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.

President Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

President Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The President and people receive the Communion. At the distribution, the minister says to each communicant

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

The communicant replies each time Amen, and then receives the body and blood of Christ.

CONCLUDING RITE

President Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious

All His mercy endures for ever.

All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our Souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

President 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.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon/ Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Alleluia, alleluia.

All In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.