Holy Communion Setting Eight



Gathering

Confession and forgiveness (p. 94) or thanksgiving for baptism (p. 97) may begin the service.

Gathering Song

One or more of the following may be sung: hymns, psalms; a Kyrie; a canticle of praise.

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

A Kyrie may be sung. The assembly sings the refrain, and a leader sings the verses.





For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

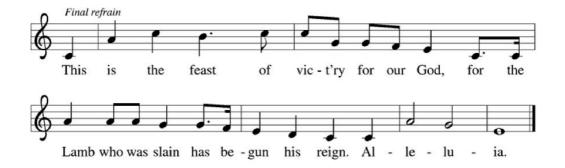
For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

One of the following or another canticle of praise may be sung by all.









Prayer of the Day

Response to the prayer: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

Readings and Psalm

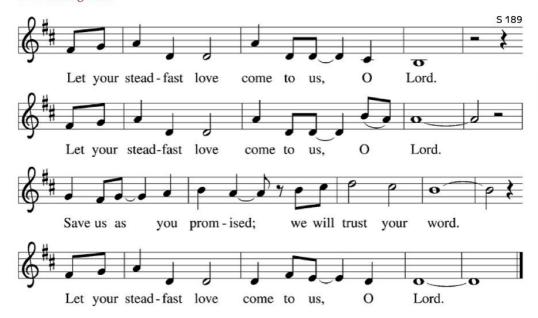
Response after the conclusion of the first and the second reading: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



OR During Lent:



Gospel

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord. Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Creed

The Nicene Creed (p. 104) or the Apostles' Creed (p. 105) may be spoken.

Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words.

OR

Lord, in your mercy, ...let us pray.

Hear us, O God.

Have mercy, O God. Your mercy is great. hear our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of intercession: **Amen.**

Peace

Response: And also with you. The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Then the assembly is seated.

Meal

An offering is gathered, and the table is set. Assembly song or other music may accompany or follow the gathering of the offering. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. The gifts may be brought forward. An offering prayer may be said; the assembly responds **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

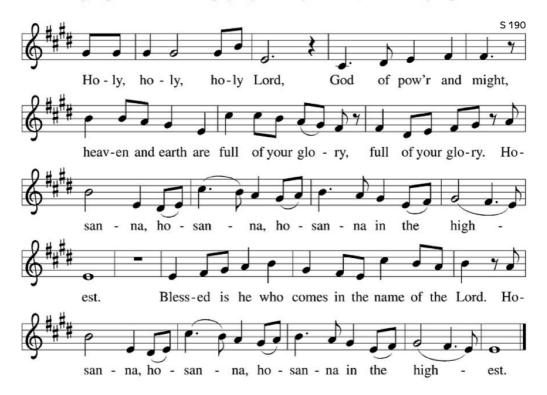
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; the assembly responds:



The presiding minister continues, using an appropriate form.

The thanksgiving may include this acclamation:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. and may conclude: Amen.

The great thanksgiving concludes:

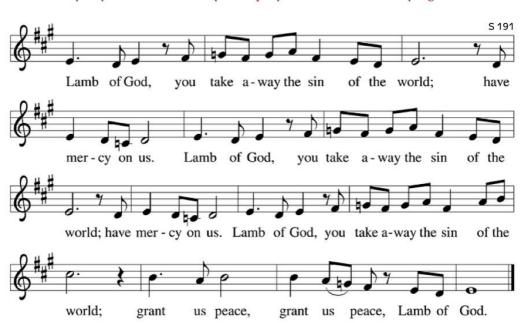
Our Father in heaven. hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OR

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion and may begin with:



After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace" or another suitable song may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

Response after the prayer: Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Response after the blessing: Amen.

Sending Song

If "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace" was not sung at the end of communion, it may be sung here, or another sending song may be sung.

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.