

A EUCHARISTIC OFFICE



***For when Franciscans
meet together***

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Coming into God's presence

AN OPENING HYMN *may be sung*

PREPARATION

We meet in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As we celebrate this Eucharist we are united with Francis and Clare,
and with Franciscans in every age.

We celebrate together our unity in Christ
and commit ourselves afresh to follow him
and to spread the knowledge and love of Christ which we encounter here.

**We adore you, most holy Lord Jesus Christ,
here, and in all your churches throughout the world;
and we bless you because, by your holy cross,
you have redeemed the world.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

**May the power of your love, O Lord,
fiery and sweet as honey,
wean our hearts from all that is under heaven,
that we may die for the love of your love,
you who were so good as to die for love of our love. Amen.**

PENITENCE

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may live joyfully a life of simplicity and humble service
after the example of St Francis,
let us confess our sins and rejoice in our utter dependence on God.

Silence

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
we confess that we have sinned in thought word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with You, our God.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Holy Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAISES OF GOD

You are holy, Lord, the only God
And your deeds are wonderful.

**You are strong, you are great.
You are the Most High, you are almighty.**

You, holy Father, are King of heaven and earth.
You are Three in One, Lord God, all good.

**You are good, all good, supremely good,
Lord God, living and true.**

You are love, you are wisdom.
You are humility, you are endurance.

**You are rest, you are peace.
You are joy and gladness.**

You are justice and moderation.
You are all our riches and you suffice for us.

**You are beauty, you are gentleness.
You are our protector, you are our guardian and defender.**

You are courage, you are our haven and our hope.
You are our faith, you are our great consolation.

**You are our eternal life, great and wonderful Lord,
God almighty, merciful Saviour. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...

¶ *The Word of the Lord*

THE LESSON

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

A FRANCISCAN READING

*Taken from the Manual, the writings or a life of St Francis, the Fioretti,
or some other suitable source.*

THE GOSPEL READING

All stand:

Listen to the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint...

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE COMMUNITY OBEDIENCE

The principle of the day is read and prayers made for the three Franciscan Orders.

PRAYERS RISING LIKE INCENSE

An ending:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Christ is our Peace*

THE PEACE

As Franciscans we are called to promote
the way of love and unity with all creation.

Let us be strengthened by the peace of Christ
that we may be peacemakers, the children of God.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

AN OFFERTORY HYMN *may be sung*

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessèd 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.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd 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.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have ourselves to offer
fruit of the womb and the work of your love.
We will become for you a holy people.

Blessèd be God for ever.

We gather around the altar

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His 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 give thanks and praise.

Some or all of the following responses may be used:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

This is his story.

This is our song. Hosanna in the highest!

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This is our song. Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

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

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

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 as 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

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.

THE INVITATION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We administer the Sacrament to the person standing next to us.

¶ ***Sent out into God's world***

CROSS PRAYERS

Having in mind St Francis' devotion to the Passion of Christ,
and looking upon the figure of the crucified,
with arms outstretched let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

You have sealed, Lord God, your servant Francis
with the sign of redemption.

**Almighty God, when the world was growing cold,
to the inflaming of our hearts by the fire of your love,
you raised up blessed Francis
bearing in his body the marks of the Passion of your Son.
Mercifully grant to us, your people,
true penitence, and grace to bear the Cross for love of him;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

ACT OF DEDICATION

**We give ourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ,
to serve him for the rest of our life
in company with our brothers and sisters
in the Third Order of the Society of St Francis,
seeking to spread the knowledge and the love of Christ,
to promote the way of love and unity with all creation
and to live joyfully a life of simplicity and humble service
after the example of St Francis.**

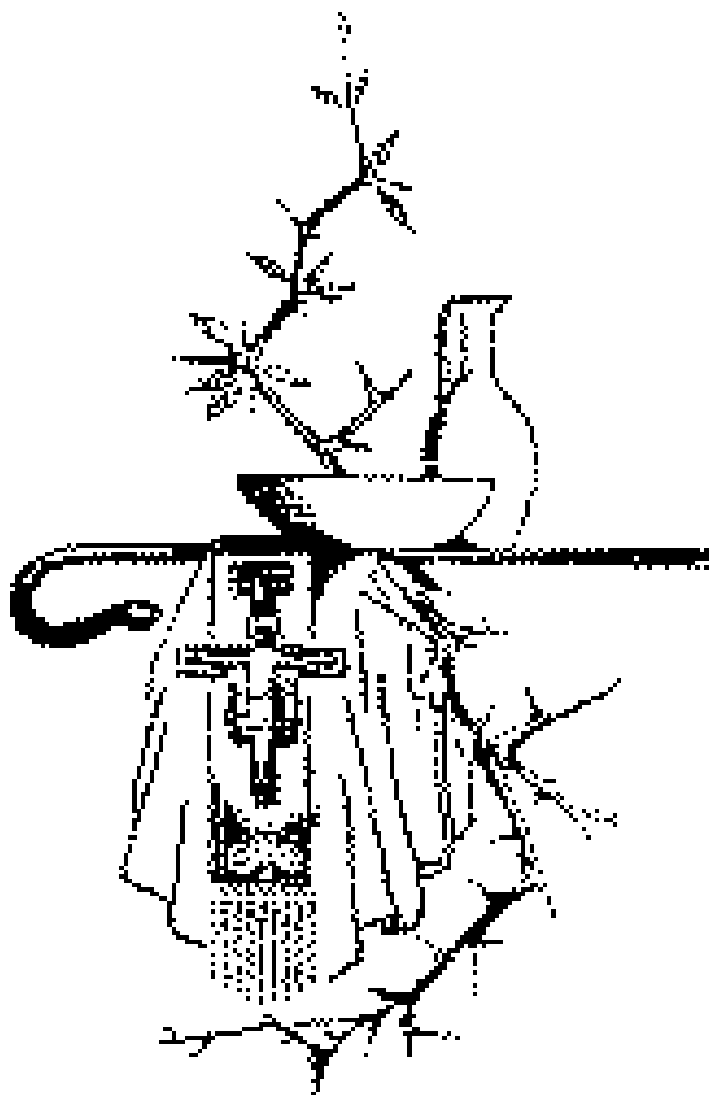
THE BLESSING

May our Blessèd Lady pray for you;
may Saint Francis pray for you;
may Saint Clare pray for you;
may all the saints of the Third Order pray for you;
may all God's angels surround you and protect you;
may our Lord Jesus give you his blessing of peace:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

A CLOSING HYMN *may be sung*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of **Christ. Amen.**



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord is here.

His 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 give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always, here and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From his fullness, Christ promised a hundredfold reward
for those who leave everything to be his disciples.

And so it was in poverty Saint Francis found the source of joy,
and strength in the simplicity of loving you with all his heart.

He embraced the mystery of the Cross
by freely accepting in his body the wounds of his Master,
and gave new witness before the whole Church
to the abounding treasure of the Gospel.

And so, with all the angels and saints
we celebrate your glory
in this, their exultant hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of
Blessèd Mary, Francis, Clare and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

The Lord is here.

His 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 give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
whose hands have made earth, sea and sky,
whose Spirit comes unseen as the wind,
your face is turned towards the world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home, to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
This is our song. Hosanna in the highest!

The crowds came out to see your Christ,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
for a feast to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.
This is our song. Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.
This is our song. Hosanna in the highest!

Therefore Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song. Hosanna in the highest!

With all the faithful we give you thanks and praise
because you have raised up our blessed father Francis
to burn as a shining light in your Church;
that inflamed with love for you and the whole of your creation,
and bearing in his body the marks of your Son's Passion,
he might bring to glory many sons and daughters.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these your gifts
that we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we who share this food offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER F

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 thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore 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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ

you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

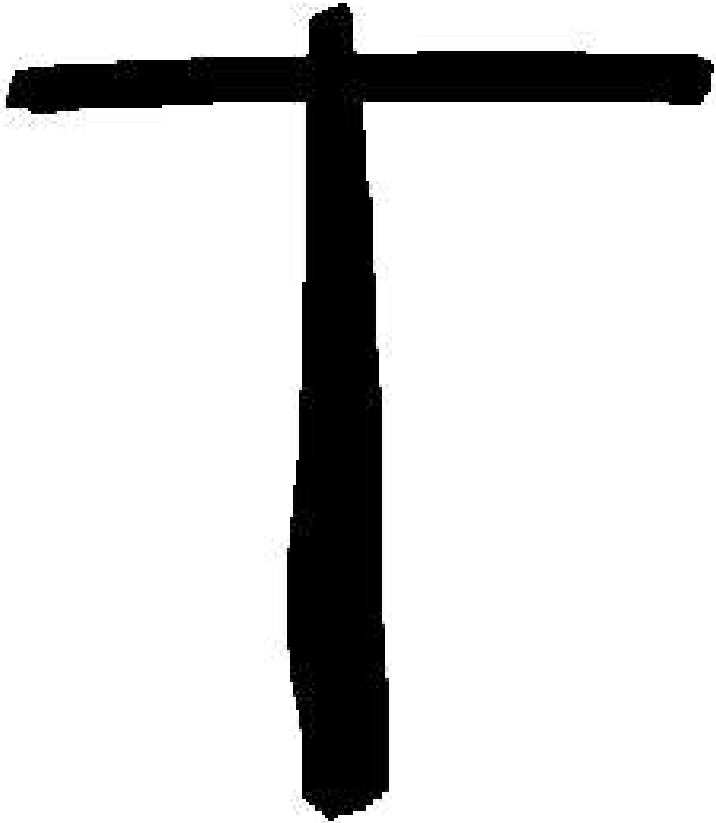
As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with [*N and*] all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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,
for ever and ever.

Amen.



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