

An Order of Worship from the Anglican Church of Kenya

The following hymn is sung, all standing.

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you:*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:*

People: **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

Celebrant: *I was glad when they said to me:*

People: **Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Praise the Lord:*

People: **The name of the Lord be praised.**

Celebrant: *Let us pray:*

ALL: **Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, Amen.**

Celebrant: *Glory to the Father:*

People: **Glory to the Son.**

Celebrant: *Glory to the Spirit:*

People: **For ever three in One.**

Celebrant: *Be glorified in the United States:*

People: **Be glorified in Arkansas.**

Celebrant: *Be glorified at home:*

People: **Be glorified in the Church.**

Celebrant: *Be glorified on earth:*

People: **Be glorified in heaven.**

Celebrant: *Glory to the Father:*

People: **Glory to the Son.**

Celebrant: *Glory the Spirit:*

People: **For ever three in One.**

Celebrant: *Hallelujah!*

People: **Amen!**

The following songs of praise are sung, all standing.

A prayer will be offered by the celebrant

The Lesson

The people sit. A reading from the book of Acts chapter 17 beginning with verse 22: (22-34)

[22] Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. [23] For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

[24] "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. [25] And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. [26] From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. [27] God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. [28] 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

[29] "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by man's design and skill. [30] In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. [31] For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

[32] When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." [33] At that, Paul left the Council. [34] A few men became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

People: The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Standing, the following hymn is sung.

Remaining standing, the Gospel is read, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15: 1- 8 *New Living Translation*).

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[1] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. [3] You have already been pruned for greater fruitfulness by the message I have given you. [4] Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me.

[5] "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. [6] Anyone who parts from me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. [7] But if you stay joined to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted! [8] My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my Father.

People: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Bishop Tommy Johnston

The Prayers (The people sit or kneel.)

Confession of Sin

The celebrant says,

Hear the words of challenge and comfort:

All say together:

Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

All say together,

Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word. We hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

All are seated while the Table is prepared for Holy Communion and an anthem is sung.

Anthem

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand. The Celebrant says

Celebrant *Is the Father with us?*

People **He is.**

Celebrant *Is Christ among us?*

People **He is.**

Celebrant *Is the Spirit here?*

People **He is.**

Celebrant *This is our God:*

People **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant *We are his people:*

People **We are redeemed.**

Celebrant *Lift up your hearts:*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:*

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, Holy Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life. Therefore with angels, archangels, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

(Celebrant and People say together)

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

(The Celebrant continues)

Almighty God, Owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded. On the same night that he was betrayed 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."

People Amen. His body was broken for us.

(Celebrant continues)

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."

People Amen. We are brothers and sisters through his blood. We have died together. We will rise together. We will live together.

Celebrant

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

People Amen. Jesus is Lord.

Celebrant This is the feast of victory.

People The Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah!

As Jesus taught us, we now pray, **(In unison)**

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant I am because we are:

People We are because he is.

Celebrant We are one body:

People We share one bread.

Celebrant Draw near with faith:

People Christ is the host and we are his guests.

The Bread and the Cup are now given to the communicants. You may eat the bread and drink from the cup or you may take the bread and dip it into the cup of wine.

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Songs During Communion

Be Unto Your Name

By Lynn DeShazo and Gary Sadler

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name,
Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

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Take My Life and Let It Be

By Henri Malan and Frances Havergal

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love,
At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King,
Always, only for my King.

Take my love my God I put at thy feet it's treasure store.
Take my self and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

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Think About His Love

By Walt Harrah

Think about His love, think about His goodness,
Think about His grace that's brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father's love.
Great is the measure of our Father's love.

How could I forget His love?
How could I forget His mercy?
He satisfies, He satisfies,
He satisfies my desires.

Even when I've strayed away
His love has sought me out and found me.
He satisfies, He satisfies,
He satisfies my desires.

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I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

By: Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me.
And I will open up my heart
And let the healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever.

I could sing of Your love forever,
I could sing of Your love forever.

May Christ Be Exalted In Me

By Don Harris and Gary Sadler

May Christ be exalted in me,
May Christ be exalted in me;
I will live to bring Him glory and honor,
From now to eternity,
O, may Christ be exalted in me.

Be exalted, O Lord,
Be exalted, O Lord,
Now and forever be glory and honor,
Power and wisdom and might.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Holy Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant All our problems:

People We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant All our difficulties:

People We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant All the devils works:

People We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant All our hopes:

People We set on the risen Christ

*Celebrant Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness
from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always.*

People Amen.

The following hymn is sung, all standing

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words by: Charles Wesley

Music by: Carl Gotthilf Glaser

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy Name.

Glory to God and praise and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

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The Celebrant dismisses the People with these words

Celebrant *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

People **Thanks be to God.**