

Eucharist Texts  
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*These texts are to be used in conjunction with material  
from A Prayer Book for Australia and other authorised resources*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In Christ, God has called us to live in love and wisdom,  
but we have been foolish, careless, and unkind.  
Let us confess our sins.

*We keep silence together*

Confident in God's forgiveness, we pray:

For failing to praise and thank you for your blessings, O God,  
**forgive us, we pray.**

For disobeying your good commandments,  
**forgive us, we pray.**

For turning away from people who need our love,  
**forgive us, we pray.**

For the harm we have done to the earth and its creatures,  
**forgive us, we pray.**

For our slowness to learn how much you love us,  
**forgive us, we pray,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The bishop or priest says*

Hear this Good News:  
We have all been forgiven!  
The mistakes we have made,  
the problems we are part of,  
the good deeds we have not done –  
all our sins have been forgiven.  
Today, God sets you free  
for new life with the Holy Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The bishop or priest says*  
Let us pray.

*We keep silence together*

God of loving wisdom,  
your Son Jesus Christ came to teach us  
justice and peace,  
kindness and courage,  
how to be generous,  
and how to serve:  
refresh our vocation to learn from him,  
and to bring his Good News to our communities,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE 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.**

We praise and thank you, loving God,  
for creating everything that is beautiful and good.  
Long ago, your playful wisdom  
took pleasure in the human race.  
You gave us good commandments.  
You taught us how to belong together  
in communities of care.

Again and again, we rejected your wise ways.  
Instead of trusting in your goodness,  
we tried to control the world without you.  
Instead of loving our neighbours,  
we chose to be greedy and unkind.  
Without your help, we grew anxious, empty, and ashamed.

But you kept on inviting us back into friendship with you.  
You gave your own Son to be born as Mary's child.  
He lived a humble life with us,  
healing and feeding and blessing,  
teaching forgiveness and grace.  
When the power of evil tracked Jesus down,

he died on the cross,  
and willingly gave up his life to save us all.

Yet not even death can separate us from your love.  
You raised Jesus up, your Chosen One, the Christ.  
He is alive for ever, still finding the lost and calming the fearful,  
and calling us to be counted as his people for ever.

Now, with the angels and archangels,  
and with all the saints in every time and place,  
we praise you in this song:

**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.**

Now we thank you  
for this meal that Jesus gave us  
on the night before he died.

He took a loaf of bread and blessed it,  
broke it into pieces,  
and gave some to each of his friends.  
He said: This is my body.  
Take it and eat it and,  
whenever you do this, remember me.

After the meal he took a cup of wine and blessed it,  
and gave it to them to drink.  
He said: This is my blood.  
It is poured out so that sins can be forgiven.  
Take it and drink it and,  
whenever you do this, remember me.

So we do remember Jesus,  
who sacrificed his life for us,  
who won the victory over death for us,  
who sends us his Spirit,  
who promises to bring us at last to our heavenly home.

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Now we pray: Come, Holy Spirit!  
Connect us, breathe in us,  
and make us one body in Christ.  
Come and make us ready to receive this sacrament,  
this holy food, his body and his blood.

Make our faith strong, and our prayer joyful.  
Make us shine with courage, hope and love  
as we follow the Lord Jesus,  
and work together for justice and peace in the world.

With all our heart and mind and strength  
we praise you, living God,  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
and with the Holy Spirit, in a shout of joyful praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*As the bread is broken, the bishop or priest says*

Wisdom invites us to learn from her.  
The Lord Jesus calls us to follow him.  
**We come to this table  
to share in the body of Christ.**

#### THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of grace,  
we thank you for the wisdom of your Spirit,  
who teaches us with patience and power.  
We thank you for the holy food given by your Son,  
who calls us to work with him in the world.

**Keep travelling with us, we pray.  
Give us love and Good News to share,  
every step of the way,  
until we find each other at peace in your presence,  
with all your saints for ever.**

*The bishop or priest says*

God give you grace  
to learn with endless curiosity,  
to teach with faithful dedication,  
to pray and lead with hope and courage,  
and to love with humble generosity;  
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**