Eucharistic Liturgy

Thanksgiving Of the People of God

The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The Gathering of the Community

The people may be greeted informally.

The theme may be introduced and subjects of special concern or thanksgiving suggested.

Then all standing, the presiding priest or minister continues, using any of the following greetings.

Grace and peace to you from God.

Kia tau ki a koutou, te atawhai me te rangimarie o te Atua.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Ma te Atua koe e whakau, ki te pono me te hari.

The Lord be with you.

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou.

The Lord bless you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Ko te ra tenei i hanga e Ihowa.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Kia hari, kia koa tatou.

The Sentence of the Day may be read.

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, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The following or **Kororia ki te Atua** (page 494) may be said or sung here, or after **The Absolution**.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

The congregation kneels.

The Summary of the Law, or A New Commandment, or The Ten Commandments (page 521) may be said.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear the teaching of Christ: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first commandment.

And a second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Spirit of God, search our hearts. E te Wairua o te Atua, whakamaramatia o matou ngakau.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Hear the teaching of Christ:

a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

E te Wairua o te Atua,

whakamaramatia o matou ngakau.

The Kyries may also be used.

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

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai. E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

Kyrie eleison. Christie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Jesus said:

There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

The presiding priest or minister says

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you
and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

I runga i te mana o Ihu Karaiti, ka murua e te Atua o koutou hara, ka wetekina nga mekameka e here nei i a koutou, ka unuhia nga mauiuitanga e pehi nei i a koutou. E mea ana te Karaiti, Haere mai, haere, i runga i te rangimarie. Amine.

Glory to God in the highest may be said or sung here, all standing.

The following may be said.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Kia mau te rongo o te Karaiti ki o tatou ngakau.

The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Kia hira ake te noho o tana kupu ki a tatou.

The Sentence of the Day may be read.

A Collect of the Day shall be said here, or before or after the **Sermon**.

The congregation sits.

The Proclamation

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The Readings
The appointed readings follow, the reader first saying
A reading from ... (chapter ... beginning at ... )
Silence may follow each reading.
The reader may say
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
       Whakarongo ki te kupu a te Wairua ki te Haahi.
Thanks be to God.
       Kia mau tonu tana kupu ki a tatou.
A psalm, hymn or anthem may follow each reading.
Then, all standing, the reader of the Gospel says
The Holy Gospel according to ... (chapter ... beginning at ...)
       Te Rongopai Tapu ki te ritenga a ...
              (te ... upoko, ka timata ...)
Praise and glory to God.
       Te whakamoemiti, te kororia ki te Atua.
After the Gospel, silence may be kept.
The reader says
This is the Gospel of Christ.
       Te Rongopai tenei a te Karaiti.
Praise to Christ, the Word.
       Whakamoemititia la, te Kupu Mana.
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The Sermon

The Sermon is preached here or after **The Affirmation of Faith.**

The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed (page 461), **A Liturgical Affirmation** (page 481), or **The Nicene Creed** as follows, or **Te Whakapono o Naihia** (page 494) may be said or sung, all standing.

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 from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. 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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and 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 presiding priest or minister says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer is offered with thanksgiving and intercession for

the universal Church and the local Church the world and our nation the local community and the community of heaven those in need, and our ministries.

Forms of intercession and thanksgiving re provided below, or intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered by a minister or members of the congregation in their own words.

After each particular intercession or thanksgiving any one of the following may be used.

After thanksgiving Mo nga whakawhetai

For your love and goodness Mo tou aroha me au hanga pai we give you thanks,

O God.

Mo tou aroha me au hanga pai Kia whakapaingia koe, e te Atua.

Les us bless the Lord. Kia whakanuia te Ariki. Thanks be to God. Kia whakapaingia te Atua.

Give thanks to our God Kia whakapaingia to tatou who is gracious Atua atawhai whose mercy endures Pumau tonu nei ana mahi tohu.

After intercession

Mo nga inoi

God of love E te Atua aroha

grant our prayer.

Whakarongo mai ki ta

matou inoi.

God of grace

you hear our prayer.

E te Atua atawhai

Whakarongo mai ki ta

matou inoi.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

I roto i au mahi tohu Whakarongo mai ki ta

matou inoi.

Lord, hear our prayer

E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ki

ta matou inoi

and let our cry come

to you.

Kia tae atu a matou tangi

ki a koe.

Periods of silence may be kept.

The Prayers of the People may conclude with an appropriate collect such as appears on pages 417, 464 and 483.

Intercession and Thanksgiving

Alternative forms of thanksgiving and intercession are found of pages 462-466 and 482-484, or one of the forms below is used.

FIRST FORM

or Etahi atu Inoi (page 496).

Periods of silence may be kept.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: (Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

Father, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the community:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

God of trust, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. We pray for those in need: (Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: (Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries: (Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered and the prayers conclude with one of the following.)

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

E te Ariki, nau nei matou i karanga ki au mahi, Meatia kia hikoi matou i mua i tou aroaro, whakaungia mai tou aroha ki o matou ngakau, tou pono ki o matou hinengaro, tou marohirohi ki o matou whakaaro, mo te taenga ki te tino tauranga, ka mohio pu ki te hari, kua tau ki te haukainga, ki te taanga manawa i roto i a koe, i roto hoki i to matou Ariki, i a lhu Karaiti. Amine.

Or

Your word is a lamp for our feet.
In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

He rama tau kupu ki oku wae.
I nga wa o te pouri, o te marama,
o te raru, o te hari,
awhinatia mai matou, e te Matua i te rangi,
kia manako ki tou aroha,
kia mahi i au mahi,
kia whakapai i tou ingoa,
i roto i a lhu Karaiti, te Ariki. Amine.

Periods of silence may be kept.

Each section of this form may include particular intercessions and thanksgivings concluding with a versicle and response or it may be used as a continuous prayer.

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these islands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People may conclude with one of the following or another appropriate collect.

- 1 God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. Amen.
- Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake.
 Amen.
- Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages.

 Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (which is to be used at least once in the service) may be said here, introduced by these or similar words.

As Christ teaches us we pray

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 for ever. Amen.

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou

E to matou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tou Ingoa. Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite ano ki to te rangi. Homai ki a matou aianei he taro ma matou mo tenei ra. Murua o matou hara, Me matou hoki e muru nei i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou. Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia; Engari whakaorangia matou i te kino: Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia, Ake ake ake. Amine.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

And also with you.

A ki a koe ano hoki.

The people and presiding priest may exchange a sign of peace according to local custom.

The priest then continues

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

Brothers and sisters, ko tatou te tinana o te Karaiti.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Na te Wairua kotahi tatou i iriiri hei tinana kotahi.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,
Kia mau te kotahitanga o te Wairua
he mea paihere na te rangimarie.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.
Amine. Kua paiheretia tatou ki te aroha o te Karaiti.

The Preparation of the Gifts

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

The holy table is prepared. The presiding priest takes sufficient bread and wine which may be brought forward by representatives of the congregation.

The offerings of the people are presented.

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

Nou, e te Ariki, te nui, te mana, te kororia, te wikitoria, me te honore. Nau te katoa i te rangi i te whenua, nau ano hoki enei ka tapaea atu nei e matou.

Or the priest may offer praise for God's gifts in the following or other appropriate words.

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

Ka whakapai ki a koe, e te Atua, te Kai-hanga; na tou pai enei taonga mo te katoa. Tapaea atu enei ohaoha hei whakakororia i a koe a, hei whakanui hoki i tou rangatiratanga. **Ki te Atua te whakamoemiti mo ake tonu atu.**

An alternative **Great Thanksgiving** is provided on page 436.

Variations and additions to **The Great Thanksgiving** may be found on pages 430-435.

The Great Thanksgiving

It is recommended that the people stand or kneel throughout the following prayer.

The presiding priest says or sings

The Lord is here.

Kei konei te Ariki.

God's Spirit is with us.

Kei a matou te Wairua o te Atua.

Lift up your hearts.

Kia ara o koutou ngakau.

We lift them to the Lord. Ka ara nei ki te Ariki.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Kia whakapai tatou ki to tatou Ariki ki te Atua.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

He mea tika ki te whakapai ki a ia.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

Variations to the following section are found on pages 430-433.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Additions from pages 434-435 may follow here.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.

> Tapu, tapu, he tapu te Ariki Te Atua o te mana me te kaha, ki tonu te rangi me te whenua i tou kororia. Ohana i runga rawa.

And these words may be added

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

Whakapaingia a ia e haere mai nei i runga i te Ingoa o te Ariki. Ohana i runga rawa.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Kororia ki a koe, e te Ariki, e te Karaiti: ko tou matenga ka whakaatu matou: ko tou aranga ka panui matou: ko tou haerenga mai ka taria e matou: Amine: haere mai e Ihu te Ariki.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

Te whakapai, te honore, te kororia ki a koe, i konei, i nga wahi katoa, inaianei, a, ake tonu atu. Amine.

Silence may be kept.

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer (which is to be used at least once in the service) may be said here, introduced by these or similar words.

As Christ teaches us we pray

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.

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou

E to matou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.

Homai ki a matou aianei

he taro ma matou mo tenei ra.

Murua o matou hara,

Me matou hoki e muru nei

i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.

Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia; Engari whakaorangia matou i te kino:

Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te kororia,

Ake ake ake. Amine.

The priest breaks the bread.

Silence may be kept.

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

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Ka whatiia e tatou tenei taro, hei whainga wahi i roto i te tinana o te Karaiti.

Ko tatou tokomaha nei he tinana kotahi, e kai ana hoki tatou katoa i te taro kotahi.

Any of these **Additional Prayers at Communion** may be used before or during Communion, or as private devotions.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

Amen.

Or

We do not presume to come to your holy table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercy. We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs from 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 body of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

Amen.

E te Ariki tohu, ehara i te mea he whakapakari ki a matou mahi tika i haere mai ai matou ki tau tepu tapu, engari he whakaaro ki te nui o au mahi tohu. Kahore matou e tau hei kohikohi i nga kongakonga i raro i tau tepu. Otira ko taua Ariki nei ano koe, he mahi tuturu hoki nau te atawhai. E te Ariki atawhai, meinga kia tika ta matou kai i te tinana o tau Tama aroha, o Ihu Karaiti, kia tika ta matou inu i ona toto, kia noho tonu ai matou ki a ia,

Amine.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

me ia hoki ki roto ki a matou.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

E te Reme a te Atua, e waha atu nei i te hara o te ao, tohungia matou.

E te Reme a te Atua, e waha atu nei i te hara o te ao, tohungia matou.

E te Reme a te Atua, e waha atu nei i te hara o te ao, tukua mai tou rangimarie ki a matou.

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.

> E Ihu, te Reme a te Atua: tohungia matou. E Ihu, te Kai-waha o o matou hara: tohungia matou. E Ihu, te Kai-hoko i te ao: tukua mai tou rangimarie.

The Invitation

The priest invites the people saying

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Whakatata mai tangohia te tinana me nga toto o to tatou Ariki, o Ihu Karaiti, hei whakamahara i mate ia mo tatou. Kia kainga whakaponotia ia i roto i o tatou ngakau me te whakawhetai.

The presiding priest and people receive communion.

The minister says the following words (or any of those provided in the other Eucharistic Liturgies) to each person.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you.

Ko te tinana o to tatou Ariki, i tukua nei mou.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you.

Ko nga toto o to tatou Ariki, i whakahekea nei mou.

The communicant may respond each time.

Amen. or Amine.

If there is insufficient bread and/or wine for the number of communicants, the presiding priest is to return to the holy table and say

Almighty God, obeying the command of your Son, Jesus Christ, who took *bread / the cup* and said: This is my *body/blood*, we also take this *bread/wine*, and pray that through your Word and Spirit it may be for us the sacrament of *the body/the blood* of Christ.

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

The Sentence of the Day (page 550) or some other appropriate sentence of Scripture may be said.

Silence may be kept.

The Lord's Prayer (if it has not been used before) shall be said.

A seasonal prayer of thanksgiving (pages 525-545) may be used, with or without one of the following, which may be said by the presiding priest, or by the presiding priest and people together.

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

Or

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal of the Community

The presiding priest, or the bishop when present, may give the blessing to the congregation.

The congregation is sent out with these words.

Go now to love and serve God. Go in peace.

Haere i runga i te rangimarie i runga i te aroha me te ngakau hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Amine. Ka haere matou i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti.