The Cathedral Eucharist

on Sundays
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The Gathering

Stand as the procession enters

Processional Hymn (see hymn sheet)

President ✺ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The Greeting

President The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

(or)

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

(during Eastertide)
President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

All 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,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites the people to confess their sins

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

or the deacon says three penitential sentences followed by these responses

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

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison may be sung by the choir

President Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, ✺ have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.
Gloria in Excelsis sung by the choir
(not in Advent or Lent)

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax,
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicitus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

(If you need to sit during the Gloria, please do so)

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and says the Collect of the Day
All Amen.

Sit
The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Reader For the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gradual Hymn/Psalm (see hymn sheet)

(If there is a Second Reading before the Gospel sit for the reading and stand for the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

Stand when the deacon lifts the gospel book from the altar
Turn to face the gospel book as it passes
The choir may sing ‘Alleluia’ (or in Lent, ‘Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory’) which is repeated by the congregation and repeated after the Gospel

The deacon may say
Deacon The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

When the Gospel is announced
Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end
Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Once the sermon has been introduced, please sit

Sermon
Stand

The Creed

All  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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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 with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.
Prayers of Intercession

Kneel or sit

The prayers usually include these concerns:
the Church; the world; those who suffer; the communion of saints

One of the following responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us.

All hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace and says

President The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

The deacon may invite the congregation to share a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn (see hymn sheet)

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it
This or another prayer is used

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
All Blessed be God for ever.
Stand

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and may say

President Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Choir Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabbaoth Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis (Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.)

President 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.)
The president recalls the Last Supper

One of these acclamations may be used

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The president continues and at the end of the prayer

| All    | Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen. |
|        |                                                                           |
| (or)   |                                                                           |
| All    | Amen.                                                                     |

Sit

The Lord's Prayer

| All    | 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, the power and the glory,                       |
|        | for ever and ever.                                                      |
|        | Amen.                                                                    |

Breaking of the Bread

| President | We break this bread (or) to share in the body of Christ. |
| All       | Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread. | (Advent and Lent) Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. |
Giving of Communion

The president says this or another invitation to communion

President    Jesus is the Lamb of God
             who takes away the sin of the world.
             Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All   Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

(or in Eastertide)

President    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All   Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who are regular communicants in their own churches are welcome to receive communion here. If you wish to come for a blessing instead of receiving communion, please carry this service paper with you as a sign to the minister. Gluten-free hosts are available: please ask. We keep a prayerful silence to allow others to prepare to receive communion or pray afterwards. Please follow the directions of the stewards.

Choir    Agnus Dei, Lamb of God,
           qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sins of the world,
           miserere nobis, have mercy upon us,
           dona nobis pacem, grant us peace.

The choir may also sing a communion motet

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Stand

The president says the post-communion prayer

All    Amen.

All    Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.
The Dismissal

Final Hymn (see hymn sheet)

Blessing

The president may say

President  The Lord be with you
All  and also with you

The president says a blessing which may end

President  ... and the blessing of God almighty,
          * the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
          be among you and remain with you always.
All  Amen.

Dismissal

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

(or in Eastertide)

Deacon  Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary
during which the procession exits