

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF LANKA
PILIMATALAWA

A EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The Preparation

The Minister welcomes the people with the following or other appropriate words:

Minister The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Minister We are here in the name of Jesus Christ.

A period of silence follows during which those assembled recall their sins – envies, resentments and harm done to others.

All We are here because we are human beings, but we deny our humanity. We are stubborn and we lie to ourselves. We do not love each other. We hurt others. We fight against life. We are sorry for these sins and acknowledge our failures. We seek new life.

Minister Giver of life, heal us and free us to be human.

All Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us to listen, for we have become deaf. Make your presence felt and fill this moment.

Silence

The Service of the Word

READING from the Old Testament, an Epistle or some other source.

THE GOSPEL

THE SERMON, BIBLE STUDY or DISCUSSION

THE INTERCESSION

The Offertory

Minister “If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your neighbour has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go, first be reconciled to your neighbour and then come and offer your gift.”

Matthew 5:23

The Minister exchanges a sign of peace with the congregation. Members of the congregation exchange a sign of peace with their neighbours:

Greeting Peace, my friend(s)

Response Peace

**All Where are charity and love, there is God.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us be filled with joy at his presence;
Let us love and revere the living God.
And now that we are gathered together,
Let us take care not to think only of ourselves;
Let there be no more bitter words and let quarrels stop
So that Christ our God may be among us.**

The gifts of the people, any food to be eaten as an agape meal after the service and the bread and wine are placed on the table.

The Act of Thanksgiving

Minister Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks for God’s glory.

People We give thanks, we rejoice in the glory of all creation.

Minister All glory be to you, Almighty God, who sent your only son into the world to be a man born of a woman’s womb, to die for us on a cross that was made by us.

People He came for us. Help us to accept his coming.

Minister He walked among us, a man on our earth, in our world of conflict, and commanded us to remember his death, his death which gives us life, and to wait for him until he comes again in glory.

People We remember his death; we live by his presence; we wait for his coming.

Minister On the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup; he gave thanks and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

People Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Minister Therefore, remembering his death, believing in his rising from the grave, longing to recognize his presence, now in this place we obey his command: we offer bread and wine; we offer ourselves to be used.

People Everything is yours, lord; we return the gift which you gave us.

Minister Accept our offering, O God. Send down the spirit of life and power, of glory and love upon us and upon this bread and wine, that to us they may be his body and his blood.

People Come, risen Lord; live in us that we may live in you.

Minister Now with all people who ever were, and are, and will be, with all creation in all time, with joy we say:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, all space and all time show forth your glory, now and always. Amen

Silence

Minister Let us pray, as the Lord Jesus taught us:

**All Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us 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**

Minister The gifts of God for the people of God.

People Amen.

The Communion

The Minister distributes the bread and wine to the people, with the words:

Minister The body of Christ.

Response Amen.

Minister The blood of Christ.

Response Amen.

The Dismissal

Minister Go, serve the Lord. You are free.

People Amen

OR

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People In the name of Christ, Amen