We are sent out
Prayer after Communion
The President says:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 Blessing and Dismissal
The President says:

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN (NEH 262) sung by the Choir
We plough the fields, and scatter The good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, The warmth to swell the grain, The breezes and the sunshine, And soft refreshing rain:
All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above, Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father, For all things bright and good; The seed-time and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer For all thy love imparts, But that which thou desirest, Our humble, thankful hearts:

The President says:

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

The organist plays: Moore: Variations on ‘East Acklam’
**We gather**

**HYMN (NEH 261) sung by the Choir**

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration;  
To thee bring sacrifice of praise  
With shouts of exultation.  
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,  
The hills with joy are ringing,  
The valleys stand so thick with corn  
That even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,  
Thy bounteous hand confessing,  
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay  
The first-fruits of thy blessing;  
By thee our souls are truly fed  
With gifts of grace supernal;  
Thou who dost give us daily bread,  
Give us the bread eternal.  

O blessèd is that land of God,  
Where saints abide for ever;  
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,  
Where flows the crystal river:  
The strains of all its holy throng  
With ours to-day are blending;  
Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song  
Which never hath an ending.  

W. Chatterton Dix 1837-98

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**The Lord’s Prayer**  
As our Saviour taught us, so 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.  
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.

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**We break and share the bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.  
Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.  
God’s holy gifts, for God’s holy people.  
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

At the administration, Communion will be offered  
in one kind only at the Sanctuary step.

During the administration the organist will play:  
Wolstenholme: Communion and the Choir sings  
the Agnus Dei and the Motet.

**The Motet:** Wood: *Oculi omnium*
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.

We pray for others
The following responses are used:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.
Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We celebrate
The President introduces the Peace and says:

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit also direct its course.

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

HYMN (NEH 263) sung by the Choir

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226
Tr William Draper 1855-1933

We take

♦ Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The President says the words of Absolution:

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.
Amen.

The Gloria sung by the Choir

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.

The Collect of the Day
Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We hear the Word

A Reading from Scripture: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild
grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting: he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

At the end of the reading:
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN (AH0&N 197)
For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God’s will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God’s will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

F. Pratt Green 1903-2000

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 33-46
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.”

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants? They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: The Very Revd Mark Boyling

We affirm our faith
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.