The congregation stands as the Procession enters and then joins in singing the hymn.

**Hymn 473  **

*Lift High the Cross*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

**Lenten Acclamation**

Celebrant  
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People  
*His mercy endures for ever.*

Decalogue  
The congregation kneels.

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

The Celebrant reads a scriptural sentence and introduces the Confession.
Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Kyrie

The congregation remains kneeling.

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Collect

The congregation may be seated.

Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 5–9

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 474 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17–19

Before the Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Tom O’Brien

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

Prayers of the People

From Intercessions for the Christian People

After each petition

Reader Lord in your mercy...

People Hear our prayer.

The Peace
The congregation stands for the hymn, during which an Offering will be received.

**HYMN 439** What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions joins the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions joins the theme I will sing.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Lift up your hearts. |
| People | We lift them to the Lord. |
| Celebrant | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| People | It is right to give our thanks and praise. |
| Celebrant | It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. |

*The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.*

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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The congregation kneels, and the Celebrant continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Second translation of The Lord’s Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer

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.

Agnus Dei

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

In apartheid South Africa many prisoners were denied the sacraments and had to find other ways of taking Spiritual Communion. This found its way into the 1989 Anglican Church of Southern Africa Prayer Book as a help to others who could not receive:

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer But hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes When, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

From Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer over the People

From The Book of Occasional Services

Dismissal

Procession

The congregation is asked to remain in place and quiet until the Procession leaves the church.