



**Welcome to
a Service of the Word**
Sunday 8th and 15th February
Ordinary Time before Lent

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hymn

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Invitation to confession

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

Confession

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Sunday 8th February

[Genesis 1.1 – 2.3](#) or [Romans 8.18–25](#)

Sunday 15th February

[Exodus 24. 12 – end](#) or [2 Peter 1. 16 - end](#)

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Sunday 8th February

[Matthew 6.25–34](#)

Sunday 15th February

[Matthew 17. 1 - 9](#)

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hymn

The Nicene Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

At the end:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers,

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.**

The Collect

The Collect is said and the people repond,
Amen.

Praise Responses

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing.**

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ,
that we might be holy and blameless before him.

Let us praise God for the glory of his grace,
for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.

To Father, Son and Holy Spirit
**give praise and dominion,
honour and might,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 1.3–6

Hymn

Notices

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

Dismissal

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

Exit Music

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