



# **Service of The Word**

## **Ordinary Time**

## **Welcome**

We're really glad you're here. Whether you come often or are visiting today, we hope you find this a place of peace, prayer, and belonging.

## **Our Service**

Everything you need will be on the screen, but you may prefer this printed booklet. Please leave it in church after the service for others to use. We have large print, and reader-friendly versions too. Just ask one of our churchwardens for one if you need one.

## **Giving**

A collection may be taken during this service, and if you would like to support the life and work of our church, you're welcome to give by:

- cash donations either during collection or on the plate by the door, or
- using one of the QR codes around the building for digital giving.

Thank you for your generosity.

## **Toilets**

If you need the toilets at any point, please just ask a Churchwarden and they'll point you in the right direction.

## **Holy Communion**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine. If you're not sure about receiving, or would prefer not to, you're warmly invited to come forward for a blessing—simply keep your hands by your side.

We pray that you meet God's grace here today.

# The Gathering

## The Greeting

*The President greets the people*

The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

*or*

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All: And also with you.**

## Hymn/Song

## 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.**

## Invitation to confession

*A minister uses a seasonal invitation to confession*

## Confession

**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*

**All: Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

## 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.

**All: Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Hymn/Song

### Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [N]

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn/Song

The Creed

*Either the Athanasian Creed*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

**All: 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?

**All: 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?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

or

*The Apostles' Creed*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to declare your faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

- † *The Church of Christ*
- † *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*
- † *The local community*
- † *Those who suffer*
- † *The communion of saints*

*This response may be used:*

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

*or*

Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, graciously hear us**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**All: 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

**All: 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 president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words  
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond:*

**All: Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

## Notices

*The president may use this or another suitable blessing*

## **The Blessing**

May God give to you and to all those you love  
his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## **Hymn/Song**

## **Dismissal**

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ,  
Amen.**

*or*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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