



“All Together”

Worship Services Book

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THE EUCHARIST (COMMON WORSHIP)

A very warm welcome to this service of worship as we gather to celebrate the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacrament.

*Please join in the words in **bold type***

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Please stand as the service begins

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

As we gather, let us pray together:

**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**

OPENING HYMN

THE CONFESSION

A Minister uses this or another seasonal invitation to confession.

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess to him those times when we have fallen short of his
calling and invitation in our lives.

We say together:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour 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.**

Or, with suitable penitential sentences, the Kyrie Eleison may be used

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.



THE 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 *(may be omitted in Advent & Lent)*

Let us remain standing as we give praise and glory to God!

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people in 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

This is the prayer set for the Sunday or Festival, which gathers or “collects” up all our prayers and the theme of the day together.

READING(S)

Please sit for the readings

After each reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

During this hymn, the gospel may be carried into the midst of the congregation, to symbolize the Word of God — Jesus Christ — is present among us.

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand for our gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE ADDRESS

THE CREED

Please stand, as we affirm together our common faith in God who is our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Either the Nicene Creed or the Baptismal Creed is used

Nicene Creed

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.

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.

Baptismal Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel

The Intercessor introduces the Prayers with these or similar words:

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father;

These or other seasonal responses may be said:

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 PEACE

A Minister introduces the Peace with these or other seasonal words:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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Many of our churches also have card readers if this is easier for you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

This or a seasonal preface may be used:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Priest continues with this or another Eucharistic Prayer:

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body ✠ and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did;
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints to feast at your table in heaven;

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us *sit or kneel* to pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF 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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

This or another invitation to Communion may be said:

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION

The Priest says these or other similar authorised words:

The Body and Blood of Christ, given for you,
keep you in eternal life.

*All are most welcome to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. If you need
to receive Communion in your seat, please let the sidespersons know.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Post-Communion Prayer of the day is said.

One of the following prayers may also be said:

**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.**

OR

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that, when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OR

**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.**

NOTICES

Any notices, announcements, and banns of marriage are usually read here

FINAL HYMN

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand

The Priest uses this or another seasonal blessing:

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself;
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service;
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;

...and the blessing of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and all whom you love, this day and always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*We wish you and your families a peaceful rest of day wherever you are; may
you take that peace with you into the week to come.*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)

A very warm welcome to this service of Holy Communion.

This service is usually “said” and hymns are therefore omitted. If the service is “sung”, hymns are included where indicated.

*Please join in the words in **bold type***

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Please stand at the start of the service, or as the Priest enters

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN (may be omitted)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One of these invitations to confession is used:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

OR

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

THE CONFESSION

One or other of these two confessions is said by all present:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In thy great 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 thee, our God.
Amen.**

OR

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest pronounces God's forgiveness of our sins:

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 COLLECT PRAYERS

*The Collect Prayer of the Day is said by the Priest,
and all respond*

Amen.

The Collect for the Sovereign may also be said

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant CHARLES, our King and Governor, that he (knowing whose minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and all his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE READING(S)

At the beginning of each reading, the reader says:

The reading is taken from the [no.] chapter of [N] beginning at the [no.] verse.

At the end:

Here endeth the Lesson.

HYMN (*may be omitted*)

THE GOSPEL

Please stand

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St N.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE CREED

Please remain standing

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:**

**Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He
suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of
the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick
and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE ADDRESS

THE OFFERTORY (*during which a HYMN may be sung*)

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One or more of the following Sentences may be said by the Priest.

Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Matthew 5.16*

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where the rust and moth
doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for
yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt,
and where thieves do not break through and steal. *Matthew 6.19*

All things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee.
1 Chronicles 29.14

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his neighbour have need, and
shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in
him? *1 John 3.17*

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The Priest places the
bread and wine upon the altar.*

THE INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel to pray.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church here in earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and especially thy Servant CHARLES, our King; that under him we may be godly, and quietly governed: and grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. (*Those for whom we are asked to pray may be named here*).

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and love (*those recently died and whose Year's Mind falls at this time may be named here*); beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

One or more of the following may be said by the Priest

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you.

Matthew. 11.28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John. 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy. 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith: If any person sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John. 2.1

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand

The Lord be with you;
and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God.

A proper preface may follow, where indicated for Holy Days & Festivals

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

This prayer may be said by all, or omitted

Please sit or kneel

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body ✠ and Blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

All are most welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a Blessing. If you need to receive Holy Communion in your seat, please let us know.

These or other authorised words may be said by the Priest at distribution:

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

The Priest and People receive Communion.

After which is said, all together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Priest says the Post Communion of the Day.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving may be used here, or for private devotions

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Except in Advent and Lent*)

Please stand

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

NOTICES

Any notices, announcements, and banns of marriage are usually read here

HYMN (*may be omitted*)

THE BLESSING

The Priest says this or another seasonal blessing:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We wish you and your families a peaceful rest of day wherever you are; may you take that peace with you into the week to come.

Service of the Word for all the church Family

A very warm welcome as we gather together to give praise and thanksgiving to God today.

*We say together the words printed in **bold**.*

THE GATHERING AND GREETING

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Words of welcome and introduction may follow.

THE OPENING PRAYER

All Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN

THE COLLECT

the prayer of the day, is said.

THE CONFESSION

We acknowledge our shortcomings and failures to God, knowing that He always forgives us. These or similar sentences are used:

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

ABSOLUTION

The Minister declares God's forgiveness in these or other suitable words

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.**

PRAISE

These words (or another canticle of praise) may be said

Blessed is the Lord

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song we will praise our God.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

THE READING(S)

Please sit for the readings

After each reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

A psalm, hymn or song may be sung between readings or before the Response.

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand for our gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

OUR RESPONSE

The Response may include a sermon, discussion, & activities for different age groups. It continues with the Affirmation of Faith and the Prayers.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers may include one of these responses

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear your people

All and answer our prayers.

The prayers may end with

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses.
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE GOD

NOTICES

Any notices, announcements, and banns of marriage are usually read here

HYMN

BLESSING & ENDING

This prayer (or a blessing, if a priest is present) may be said

Let us bless the Lord:

**All thanks be to God.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*We wish you and your families a peaceful rest of day wherever you are; may
you take that peace with you into the week to come.*

MORNING PRAYER ON SUNDAYS (ACCORDING TO COMMON WORSHIP)

*A very warm welcome to this worship service this morning. Please join in the words in **bold type***

A brief word of explanation about the Daily Office

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THE GATHERING & GREETING

O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

OPENING PRAYER

These words or another opening prayer are said.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen**

HYMN (*may be omitted*)

Let us continue to prepare our hearts for worship as we turn to our prayers of penitence:

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith as we say together:

**God our Father,
long suffering, full of grace and truth
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and against our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you/us from all your/our sins,
and restore you/us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALM

The appointed psalm for the day is read, or may be said by all. Alternatively a sung version of the Psalm of the Day may be used.

If no Psalm book is available, the following Psalm may be used:

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

The psalm ends with:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

One or more readings appointed for the day are read

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence

CANTICLE (*may be omitted*)

This is our response of praise to God and His word. If used, this is said between the two readings.

**All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

'Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust and will not be afraid;
'For the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.'
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.
On that day you will say,
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
'Make known his deeds among the nations,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously;
let this be known in all the world.
'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Isa.12.2–6

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen**

**All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

OUR RESPONSE

RESPONSORY

Let us affirm our trust in God and response to His word in our Responsory:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him
and he will make straight your paths.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

Proverbs 3

HYMN (may be omitted)

THE BENEDICTUS

Remembering all that God has done for us, let us remain standing and say our Gospel Canticle, the Benedictus, together:

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68–79

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Creed:

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

**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, dead and 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.**

**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.**

THE PRAYERS

Thanksgiving may be made for the day. Intercessions are offered:

- for the day and its tasks
- for the world and its needs
- for the Church and her life

Silence may be kept

The Collect of the day or the following is said:

Lord our God,
as with all creation
we offer you the life of this new day;
give us grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN *(may be omitted)*

THE ENDING & BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We wish you and your families a peaceful rest of day wherever you are; may
you take that peace with you into the week to come.*

EVENING SERVICE (ACCORDING TO COMMON WORSHIP)

A very warm welcome to this worship service this evening

*Please join in the words in **bold type***

A brief word of explanation about the Daily Office

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THE GATHERING & GREETING

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

OPENING PRAYERS

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts,
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN (*may be omitted*)

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us continue to prepare our hearts for worship as we turn to our prayers of penitence:

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith as we say together:

**God our Father,
long suffering, full of grace and truth
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and against our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you/us from all your/our sins,
and restore you/us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

The appointed psalm for the day is read, or may be said by all. Alternatively a sung version of the Psalm of the Day may be used.

If no Psalm book is available, the following Psalm may be used:

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

Each psalm ends with:

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

THE READINGS

One or more readings appointed for the day are read

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence

OUR RESPONSE

CANTICLE (may be omitted)

The canticle is our response of praise to God and His word. If used, this is said between the two readings.

**The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
You chose us to be yours in Christ
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
In love you destined us for adoption as your children,
through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of your will,
to the praise of your glorious grace,
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption
through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,
according to the riches of your grace,
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight,
the mystery of your will,

according to your purpose
which you set forth in Christ,
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in Christ,
things in heaven and things on earth.

Eph. 1.3–10

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us In the Beloved.**

RESPONSORY

Let us affirm our trust in God and response to His word in our Responsory:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him
and he will make straight your paths.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

Proverbs 3

HYMN (*may be omitted*)

THE MAGNIFICAT

Remembering all that God has done for us, let us remain standing and say our Gospel Canticle, the Magnificat, together:

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.**
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,**
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Luke 1.46–55

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Creed:

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

**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, dead and 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.**

**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

Thanksgiving may be made for the day

Intercessions are offered:

- *for the day and its tasks*
- *for the world and its needs*
- *for the Church and her life*

Silence may be kept

The Collect of the day or the following is said:

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love which never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
which is your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN (may be omitted)

THE ENDING & BLESSING

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We wish you and your families a peaceful rest of day wherever you are; may
you take that peace with you into the week to come.*

EVENSONG (ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)

*A very warm welcome to this service of Evensong. Please join in the words in **bold type***

Please stand as the service begins.

One or more of these opening verses may be used:

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. *Psalm 51.3*
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalm 51.17*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and return unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and of great love, and relenteth from sending calamity. *Joel 2.13*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9.9–10*

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Matthew 3.2*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8–9*

A HYMN may be sung

The minister shall use one of these, or another suitable Bidding Prayer:

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well as for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence and remember God's presence with us now, as we say together: *(here follows the Confession)*

OR

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and offences; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me: *(here follows the Confession)*

A general Confession is said by the whole Congregation, all kneeling

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**

**And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto humankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone,
standing: the people still kneeling*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that they may turn from their error, and live;
and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the Absolution and Remission of their sins:

He pardoneth ✠ and absolveth all them that truly repent,
and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,
and his Holy Spirit,
that those things may please him, which we do at this present;
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*If no priest is present, the person saying the Service shall read the Collect for
the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity (below), that person and the people
still kneeling:*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister and the people shall say the Lord's Prayer together, all kneeling:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The congregation remains standing to sing the Psalm

*The Psalms for the evening may be said or sung by all,
and may be found towards the back of the Book of Common Prayer*

The First Lesson is read from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha

All stand for the Magnificat:

**My soul doth | magnify · the | Lord :
and my spirit hath re- | joiced in | God my | Saviour.**

**For he | hath re- | garded
the | lowli · ness | of his | handmaiden.**

**For be- | hold from | henceforth :
all gener- | ations shall | call me | bless-ed.**

**For he that is mighty hath | magni · fied | me :
and | holy | is his | name.**

**And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
through- | out all | gener- | ations.**

**He hath shew-ed | strength with · his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagi- | nation |
of their | hearts.**

**He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex- | alted the | humble and | meek.**

**He hath fill-ed the hungry | with good | things :
and the rich he | hath sent | empty a- | way.**

**He re- | memb'ring his | mercy :
hath | holpen his | servant | Israel.**

**As he promised | to our | forefathers :
Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.**

Glory | be · to the | Father :
and to the Son | and · to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it | was · in the be- | ginning :
is now, and ever shall be |
world with · out | end, A- | men.

All sit

The Second Lesson is read from the New Testament

All stand for the Nunc Dimittis:

Lord now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in | peace :
ac- | cording | to thy | word.

For mine eyes have | seen thy · sal- | vation :
which thou hast prepared
be- | fore the | face of · all | people.

To be a light to | lighten the | Gentiles :
and to be the | glory · of thy | people | Israel.

Glory | be · to the | Father :
and to the Son | and · to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it | was · in the be- | ginning :
is now, and ever shall be |
world with · out | end, A- | men.

All remain standing and face East for the Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge both the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father,
**which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The First and Second Collects are sung or said by the priest:

The First Collect is the Collect for the Day, to which all respond:

Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee, we being defended
from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time
in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect at Evening Prayer (said by all)

**Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Then may follow any intercessory prayers

A HYMN may be sung.

The congregation sits for

THE ADDRESS

Please sit or kneel for the Prayers. One or more of the following may be included:

A Prayer for the King's Majesty

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

An OFFERTORY HYMN may be sung.

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If you would like to know more, please speak to one of the churchwardens or clergy after the service.

If there are any NOTICES, they will be mentioned here.

BLESSING & ENDING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

A blessing may be said by the Priest (if present)

Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.

We wish you and your families a peaceful rest of day wherever you are; may you take that peace with you into the week to come.

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM WITHIN THE SUNDAY SERVICE

The service will begin earlier in this booklet.

The Baptism is usually placed in the service after the sermon.

In baptism, we begin a journey of faith in God and with God, which is lifelong. Parents, godparents, and all the church community promise to travel on this journey with the one who is baptised, and to offer them support and encouragement.

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**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Either this response may be used

Your name be hallowed.

Your kingdom come.

OR

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GOING OUT — JOURNEYING ON

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God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The remainder of the service is in the main service book.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

(as a standalone service, in exceptional circumstances)

GETTING READY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All: and also with you.

Everyone is welcomed and the service is introduced. A prayer may be said.

LISTENING

One or two appropriate passages from the Bible are read. At the end of each Bible passage the reader may say

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All: Thanks be to God.

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