



Take some time in silence to gather yourself into God's presence. You may wish to light a candle or set apart the space in some other way. Posture throughout is at your own discretion.

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

Open our lips, O Lord,
And we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

We come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.
We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

We pray for the gift of God's Spirit to open our hearts this day.

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.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence,

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God ✠ pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe
the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!

Grace and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word, may we know you better,
love you more, and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please refer to the separate Resource Sheet for readings and materials appropriate to the day and season. Alternatively, you may wish to read and reflect on any passage of Scripture. You may also wish to spend some time in silent reflection and prayer.

THE SONG OF THE CHURCH

We praise you, O God:

We acclaim you as the Lord.

All creation worships you:

the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:

the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you:

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you:

Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you,

Father of majesty unbounded:

your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Lord Christ, are the King of glory:

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free:

you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death:

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory:

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood:

and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

[Link to organ accompaniment played and recorded by Bruce Fethers](#)

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.

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Faithful God, you have promised to hear the prayers of all who ask in Jesus' name. In your mercy, accept our prayers. Give us what we have asked in faith, according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another
and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord ✠ bless us and keep us;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.