

Prayer & Praise

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Gathering

From near and far we gather to praise you God,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Through your Holy Spirit enfold us as one,

lift our hearts and raise our voices in praise.

Hymn

Penitence

Let us reflect upon the days past, upon anything that has troubled our relationships, offended against creation, or come between us and the love of God.

we pause for reflection

Creator of all,

God of compassion,
Jesus friend of the outsider,
discerning Spirit,
have mercy on us,
heal the hurts,
restore us to one another,
and let us rest in your presence
that we may see and know
the best in all that you give.

Letting go of the wrongs of the past, we move on to travel with you, to seek guidance and to pray for others. God of mercy, renew us as your people. Amen.

God's Word

Psalm

Reading/s

(that may end with the response)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Reading

Sermon

(or some non scriptural reading)

Hymn

Intercession

Wise and listening God, we present to you our desires and delights, our needs and worries, the concerns that occupy our thoughts.

Prayers follow for the world and all that inhabits it; for those with leadership and responsibility;

for life of the Church and the unity of God's people; for the local community and the needs of the sick, the frail and any in distress; for those who have died.

(There may be an invitation to place a token flower or pebble in a bowl for some person or cause.)

The Song of Christ's Glory

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

Christ Jesus was in the form of God, but he did not cling to equality with God.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in our human likeness.

Being found in human form he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name above every name.

That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

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.

Collect of the day

The Lord's Prayer

(or in traditional words)

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.

We stand for a thanksgiving and

renewal of service.

God giver of all, we give you thanks for the blessings of daily life, all that we so easily take for granted. We pause to remember these and any special gifts.

A time of silence may be kept

Let us bless the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

We thank you God for our fellowship this day. May your love for us be fulfilled in the love and care we show for one another.

Let us join together,

in the service of Christ.

God of love, remembering our duty of stewardship for the gifts of your creation, and our responsibility for those in need both far and near: We commit ourselves afresh in the service of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

(during which offerings are received)

Going Out

As we listen, may we receive your Word to find learning and wisdom
As we look, may we see your Light and strive for justice, righteousness and peace. In our attending, may we know your Way to bring reconciliation and hope.
In our waiting, may we have patience through the life and passion of Christ our Saviour.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever.
Amen.

