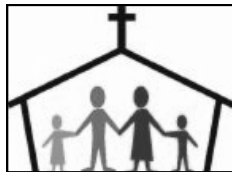


# Growing in Love Service

## Welcome and Preparation

*We stand as the choir and clergy enter the church.*



### The GREETING

Minister Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**All and also with you.**

### The INTRODUCTION and NOTICES

*We sit for the Notices and the Introduction to the Service.*

### PRAYERS of PREPARATION

*We pray a prayer of preparation and a prayer of confession:*

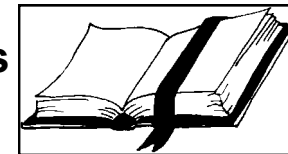
Minister Loving God, we have come to worship you.  
**All Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
to listen to your word with eagerness,  
and to receive your gifts of bread and wine with  
thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**All Our heavenly Father  
thank you that you love us and care for us all the  
time.  
We know that this week we have not always lived  
the way you tell us to.  
We have done wrong things, and not done all the  
good things we should have done.  
Only you can save us, so please forgive us  
and help us to live as your friends.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

*We stand to sing our opening hymn.*

## Hearing and Responding to God's Word



### REFLECTING ON OUR THEME (PART 1)

*We sit to hear a reading from the Bible and listen to the first part of the talk.*

### HYMN

*We stand to sing our next hymn.*

### REFLECTING ON OUR THEME (PART 2)

*We sit to continue to reflect on our theme and we pray together.*

## Preparing for and Receiving Communion



### The PEACE

*We stand to share the Peace.*

Minister Blessed are the peacemakers:  
They shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**

*We are invited to share a sign of peace with one another.*

## The OFFERTORY HYMN

*We remain **standing** to sing our next hymn. The bread and wine are placed on the communion table, and a collection is taken.*

## The PREPARATION of the TABLE

*We remain standing as we give thanks for the offering.*

Minister We give you thanks, O Lord, for your many gifts to us.  
May these gifts we offer to you today,  
be used in your service.

**All Amen**

Minister With this bread that we bring  
**All we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister With this wine that we bring  
**All we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**All We shall remember Jesus.**

## The COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.  
**All His Spirit is with us.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

Minister Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

**All This is his story.  
This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

**All This is his story.  
This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

**All** This is our story.  
**This is our song:**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which Christ died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

**All** This is our story.  
**This is our song:**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All** **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### The LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Rejoicing in the presence of God here among 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 BREAKING OF BREAD

Minister We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Minister God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All** **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.**

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please come forward as directed. Those not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Please do join in the songs during communion.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The minister prays a prayer after communion.*

### The Sending Out

#### HYMN

We *stand* to sing our final hymn.

#### THE BLESSING

*The minister may say a blessing.*

Minister Let us bless the Lord:

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

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

