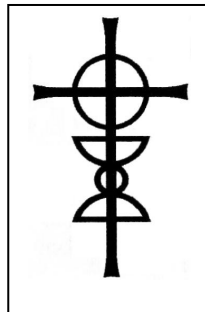


A Service of the Word

The greeting:

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father.

To God be glory and kingship for ever and ever.



Introductory sentence:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Notices

A prayer of preparation:

Let us pray.

Come, Holy Spirit,

**fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*We **stand** for our opening hymn*

*We **sit or kneel** for our confession:*

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

Father,

we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

Have mercy on us,

bring us back to yourself

as those who once were dead

but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The absolution:

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse *us* from *our* sins,

and restore *us* in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We **stand** to declare our praise:*

Now that we have been put right with God through faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has brought us by faith into the grace of God.

We rejoice in the hope of sharing God's glory.

This hope does not deceive us:

**God has poured his love into our hearts
by the gift of his Spirit.**

*We remain **standing** for an act of praise based on Psalm
145:*

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another,
and shall declare your power.**

All creation praises you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**They declare the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your mighty power.**

My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

**Let every living thing bless his holy name
for ever and ever.**

*We remain **standing** for the collect, the church's special
prayer for today:*

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:

give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We **sit** for our Bible reading*

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

*We **stand** for our second hymn*

*We remain **standing** for our Gospel reading*

The reading is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

At the end of the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, O Christ

*We **sit** for the sermon*

*After a moment of reflection following the sermon, we **stand** for the affirmation of faith:*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

*We remain **standing** for our offertory hymn*

*We **sit or kneel** for our prayers of intercession*

Our response may be:

...Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

At the conclusion of our prayers, we pray:

Merciful Father,

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

The Lord's Prayer:

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour taught us.

**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 prayer of blessing:*

May God the Father, Judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**
May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**
May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*We remain **standing** for our closing hymn*

A closing prayer:

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.
The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.
To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.

The sending out:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.