

**A SERVICE OF
THE WORD**



NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand.

OPENING HYMN

The Invocation and an Introit sentence may be added.

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

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,
that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness
and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past
and your purpose in the week to come;
through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

STAND OR KNEEL

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

Silence follows, during which the faithful call to mind those things for which they seek forgiveness and express either with the following words or with Kyrie Petitions - after the three petitions the congregation responds with Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison. (Merbecke: CP 678/ HB C177).

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Officiant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PEACE

STAND

All stand. The following, or a seasonal variant, is used.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The members of the congregation may exchange greetings with one another in the name of the Lord. Sunday school will depart during the following hymn.

HYMN

STAND

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

After a period of silence the officiant prays the collect of the day.

The Proclamation of the Word

SIT

The readings appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary are read.

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from...
The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

SECOND READING

Reader A reading from...
The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Reader A reading from the Gospel of ...
Reader This word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON, REFLECTION OR AN APPOINTED READING

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

STAND

When the offering is placed on the altar or other suitable place, a proper offertory prayer may be read by the officiant after which all may pray one of the following:

All **Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above you heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OR

All **Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

STAND OR KNEEL

The officiant or another member of the community leads the prayers using an authorized form, such as those found on pages 110-129 of the Book of Alternative Services. The response will be announced.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
Let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Officiant Glory to God
All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



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